



Lidar Turbulence Sensor Flight Results

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Weather Accident Prevention (WxAP) Program

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- **Turbulence Prediction and Warning Systems (TPAWS):**

Develop and augment knowledge of both the turbulence phenomena and the effects of turbulence on aircraft, and develop technologies to detect convection and *clear air turbulence* and mitigate the effects on aircraft passengers and crew.

- **Flight Demonstrate Conceptual Lidar-based Turbulence Sensor, WxAP Milestone #18**
- **Performance Assessment of Lidar-based Turbulence Systems, WxAP Milestone #25**



Turbulence Product Development Team Over-All Objective

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- **Develop a robust detection capability that spans the full range of turbulence environments**
 - **Provide Timely Reliable Tactical Warning to:**
 - Deviate,
 - Institute Cabin Safety Measures, and/or
 - Institute Mitigation Measures
 - **Provide Real-Time Alerts to AWIN Network**

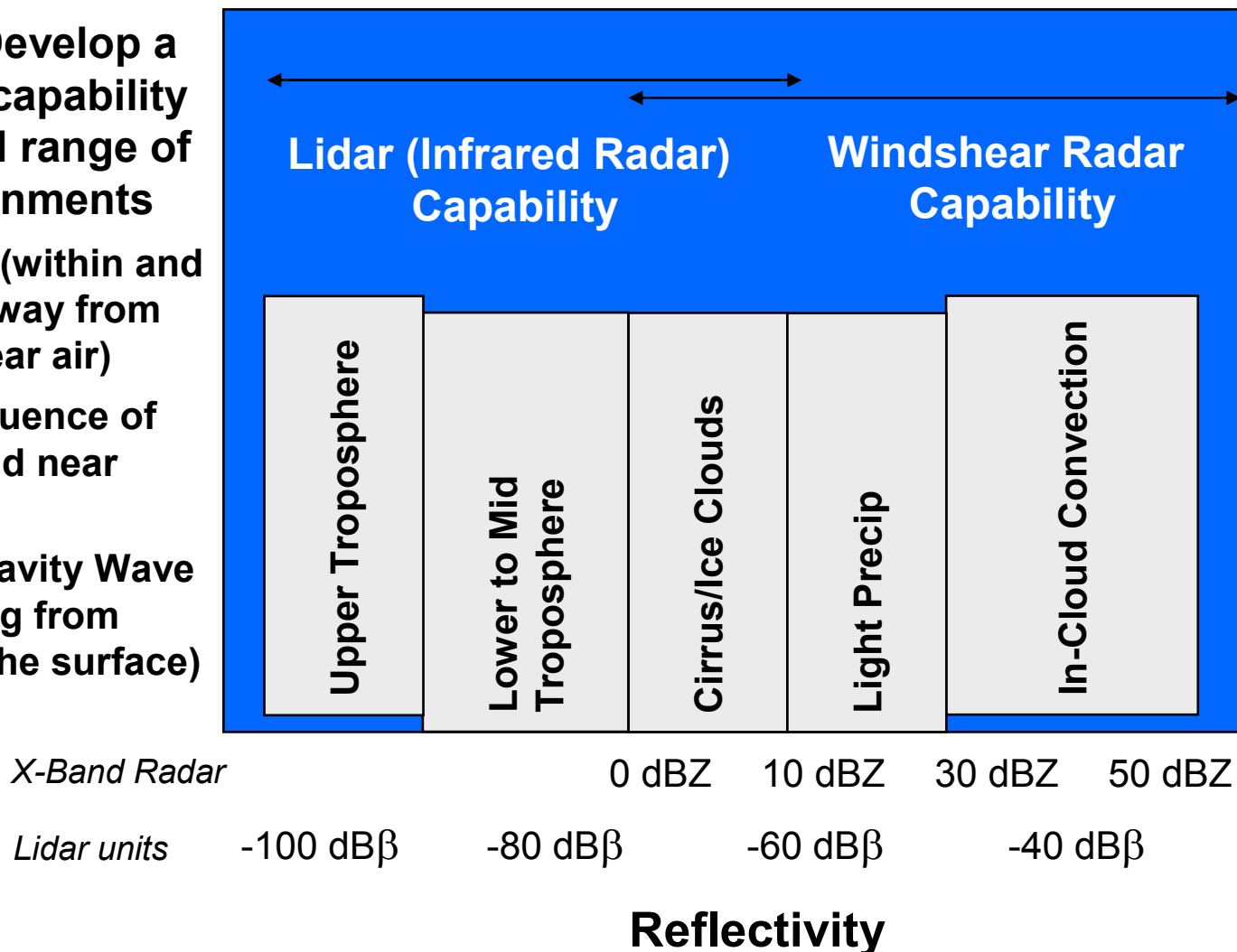


Complete Turbulence Detection Capability Provided through Dual RF and IR Wavelength Radar

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TPAWS Objective: Develop a robust detection capability that spans the full range of turbulence environments

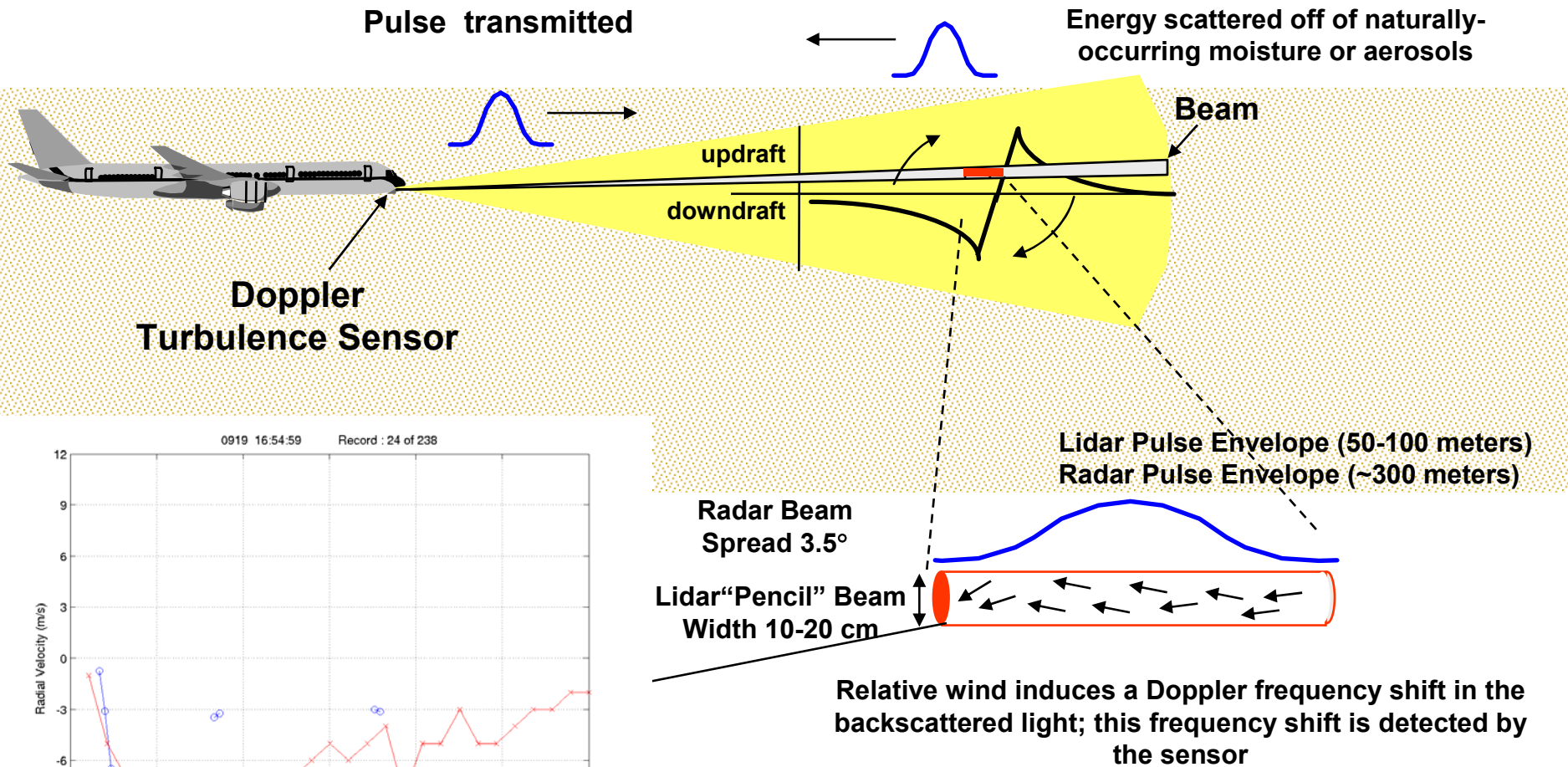
- Convective Storms (within and as far as 40 miles away from visible clouds in clear air)
- Jet Stream (at confluence of multiple streams and near boundaries)
- Mountain and/or Gravity Wave (upward propagating from disturbances near the surface)





ACCLAIM vs. DC-8 In-Situ Line-of-Site Air Velocity Measurements

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DC-8 In-Situ Air Velocity presented as dot product between unit vector for lidar beam angle and true air velocity



Lidar Turbulence Detection Technology Readiness Development Needs

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- **Lidar needs are similar to those for microwave radar and include:**
 - definition and characterization of hazard
 - hazard algorithm for quantifying the threat
 - validated algorithm(s) for using the IR radar to detect, discriminate, and quantify the threat
 - simulation test case development
 - validated system performance with properly designed field tests
- **ACLAIM flights are focused on validation of system performance under cruise conditions to the extent possible without scanning capability (no beam-scanning capability was available for the DC-8 installation)**



Lidar Flight Testing: Identified Objectives and Needs

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- **Flight hours at cruise altitudes**
 - identified as a major gap
 - defining turbulence signatures
- **Flight hours in moderate or stronger turbulence**
 - mid-level altitudes with focus on convective and breaking wave turbulence
 - performance envelope for onboard radar and lidar
- **Extended data sets for aerosol/turbulence correlation modeling**
- **Scanning versus single line of sight configuration**
 - scanning will enable better characterization of turbulent events
 - more direct comparison with radar for joint tests
 - include a mixture of both modes

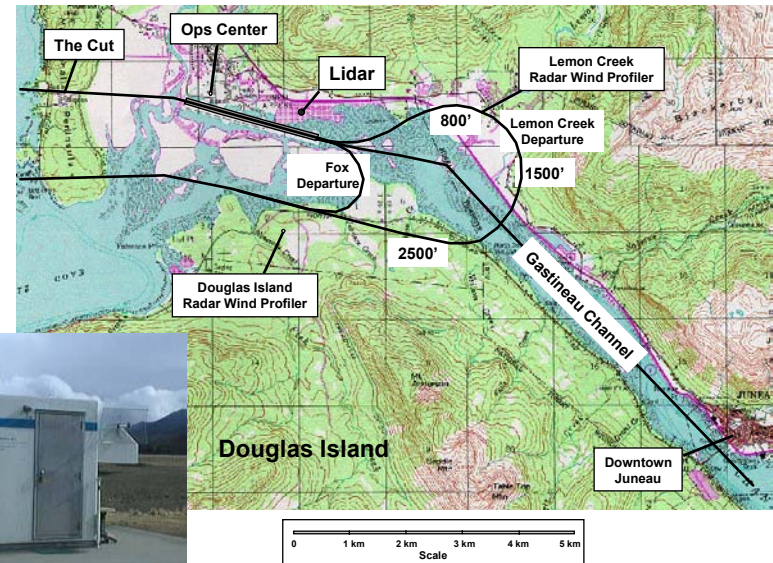


Lidar Pre-AvSP (1998)

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- **Juneau lidar deployment**

- characterization of low altitude wind shear and turbulence
- generated validated data sets to support development of lidar turbulence and wind shear detection algorithms



- **ACLAIM/Electra flights**

- Detected light to moderate turbulence at ranges between 3 and 6 miles ahead
- Penetrated turbulence to verify
- Operated 15 hours in a variety of conditions from ground to 25kft





Lidar Background Summary

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- **Emphasis areas**
 - flight testing
 - algorithm development and associated performance analyses
- **Flight tests accomplished CY98-03**
 - NASA ACLAIM Electra flights
 - industry-funded B-720 flights
 - DC-8 flights piggy-back on CAMEX-4 and KAMP (FY01)
 - DC-8 piggy-back with Cold Land Processes (CLPX) and Coastal Eddy Experiments
- **Algorithm work highly leveraged**
 - NCAR and CTI developments
 - synergy with radar work (NCAR & RTI)
- **Parallel industry program to develop a clear air turbulence product**
 - focus is on cost reduction and reliability improvement



ACLAIM Overview

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- CLPX and CAMEX-4 piggyback
- 3 rack installation
 - High rack, Low rack, Chiller
 - 2 seats at high rack
- Integrated AFRL/NASA lidar system hardware with Class IIIb laser
- Fixed azimuth ($\sim 1.65^\circ$) and hand-cranked elevation periscope installed at DC-8 Flight Station 1015
- Several Instrument Check Flights (ICF) and 30 research flights
- ~ 163 hours of flight time / ~ 2 hours dedicated time
- ~ 330 GB of flight data



Lidar Transceiver and Data Acquisition and Control System

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•AFRL Transceiver Specs after Fall 02 tune-up at CTI

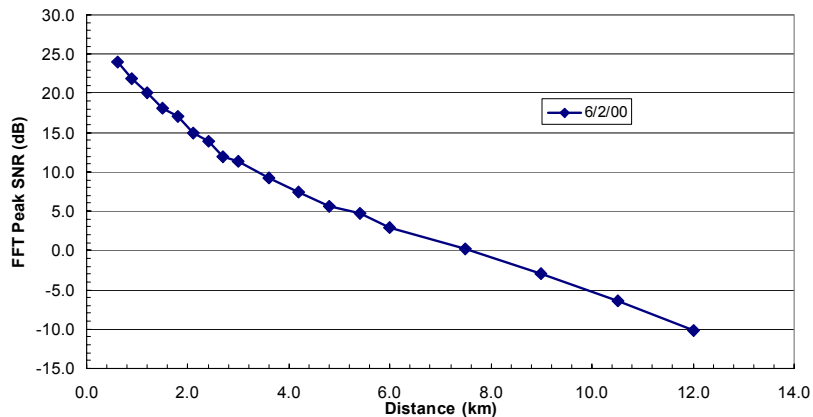
- 2.0125 μm wavelength, 9.3 mJ (out of telescope), 650 nsec pulse duration, 100 Hz PRF
- 8 cm beam diameter, 10 cm aperture, internal telescope focused at 2.5 km
- 14% system efficiency
- horizontal path data show range performance to 10-12 km (Colorado data)

•NASA Data Acquisition and Control System

- 50 m/sec analog bandpass for Doppler velocity
- Bandpass centered on DC-8-supplied (1Hz) True Air Speed component parallel to lidar direction
- 90m range gates, 1sec averaging, data collection range selected as 12km
- Flight data file size set to 4min to expedite storage and analysis

Sample Data Collected for Horizontal Path In Colorado

FFT Signal Strength vs. Distance for AFRL 6-2-00



NASA/ACLAIM System





CAMEX-4 ACLAIM Flights

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ACLAIM CAMEX-4								
Flight	DC-8 Flight#	Date	Flight Duration (hr)	Flight Type	Target	Other A/C	Data (GB)	Data (CDs)
ICF1	01-04-03	8/3/2001	2	ICF		-	2.0	3
ICF2	01-04-04	8/8/2001	3	ICF		-	2.5	5
1	01-04-06	8/18/2001	5		Andros Island	ER2	7.6	15
2	01-04-07	8/20/2001	8	CAMEX	Chantal	ER2	8.9	17
3	01-04-08	8/25/2001	2	ICF	buoy off Cape Kennedy	-	5.7	10
4	01-04-09	9/3/2001	5	KAMP	Keys	ER2, P3	8.8	16
5	01-04-10	9/6/2001	2	KAMP	Keys / TRM		7.1	13
6	01-04-11	9/7/2001	5	KAMP	Tampa - Gulf	ER2	10.9	20
7	01-04-12	9/9/2001	5	KAMP	Keys		7.4	20
8	01-04-13	9/10/2001	8.5	CAMEX	Erin		18.2	35
9	01-04-14	9/15/2001	6.5	CAMEX	Gabrielle		16.0	29
10	01-04-15	9/19/2001	5	KAMP	Keys		12.0	22
11	01-04-16	9/22/2001	8	CAMEX	Humberto	ER2, P3	20.1	37
12	01-04-17	9/23/2001	8	CAMEX	Humberto	ER2, P3 +3	19.7	36
13	01-04-18	9/24/2001	8.25	CAMEX	Humberto	ER2, P3	21.9	40
			81.3				168.9	318



CLPX and Coastal Eddy ACLAIM Flights

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ACLAIM CLPX/Coastal Eddies					
Flight	DC-8 Flight#	Start Date	Takeoff	Landing	Flight Duration (hours)
Experimental Flight 1	030302	3/12/2003	21:05:06	0:06:10	3
Experimental Flight 2	030303	3/17/2003	15:25:XX	19:13:59	4
Experimental Flight 3	030304	3/20/2003	15:38:04	16:40:23	1
Transit Flight	030305	3/24/2003	16:58:26	21:34:56	4.5
CLPX Flight 1	030306	3/25/2003	18:22:43	1:33:01	7
CLPX Flight 2	030307	3/28/2003	18:20:XX	1:03:21	6.5
CLPX Flight 3	030308	3/30/2003	18:26:23	1:02:04	6.5
CLPX Flight 4/transit	030309	3/31/2003	~17:00	23:03:08	6
Coastal Eddy 1	030310	4/14/2003	15:55:45	18:26:25	2.5
Coastal Eddy 2	030311	4/15/2003	19:15:58	22:36:44	3.25
Coastal Eddy 3	030312	4/16/2003	15:05:39	21:17:30	5.25
Coastal Eddy 4	030313	4/18/2003	15:59:33	~21:40	5.5
Coastal Eddy 5	030314	4/19/2003	15:07:58	21:24:25	6
Coastal Eddy 6	030315	4/21/2003	15:06:44	22:44:54	7.5
Coastal Eddy 7 Search & Rescue	030316	4/22/2003	0:54:14	6:20:25	6.5
* ACLAIM Dedicated	030317	4/23/2003	20:00:05	22:06:55	2
Coastal Eddy 8*	030318	4/28/2003	14:35:40	21:09:22	6.5
Totals					83.5



NASA DC-8 Facility with Lidar Periscope Installed

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ACLAIM Installation – High Rack Operator-Side

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ACLAIM Installation – High Rack Forward-Side

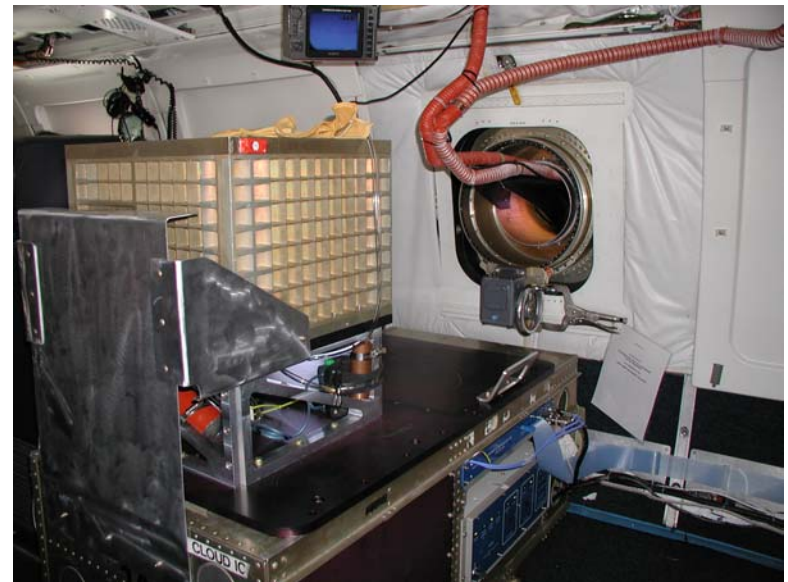
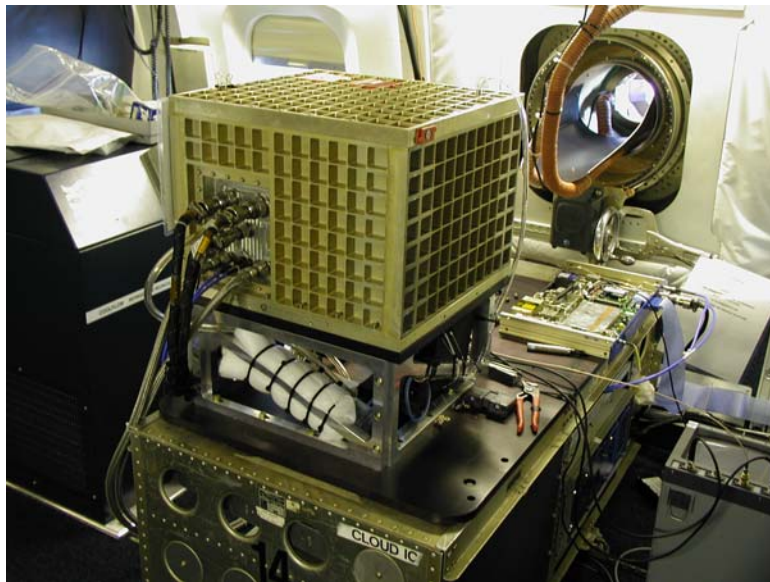
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ACLAIM Installation – Low Rack

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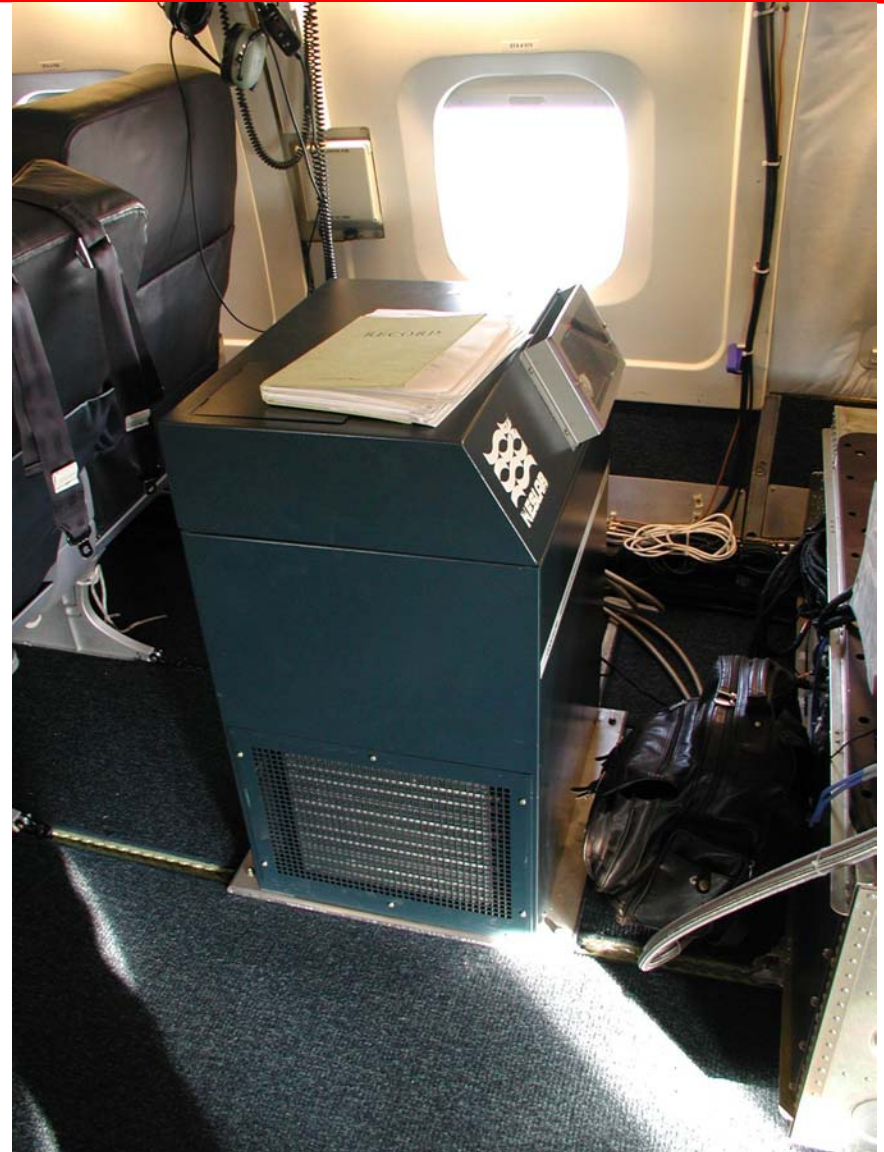
ACLAIM Installation – Chiller

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Note:

Oversize COTS recirculating iso-thermal bath used for cost savings and breadboard/brassboard flexibility.

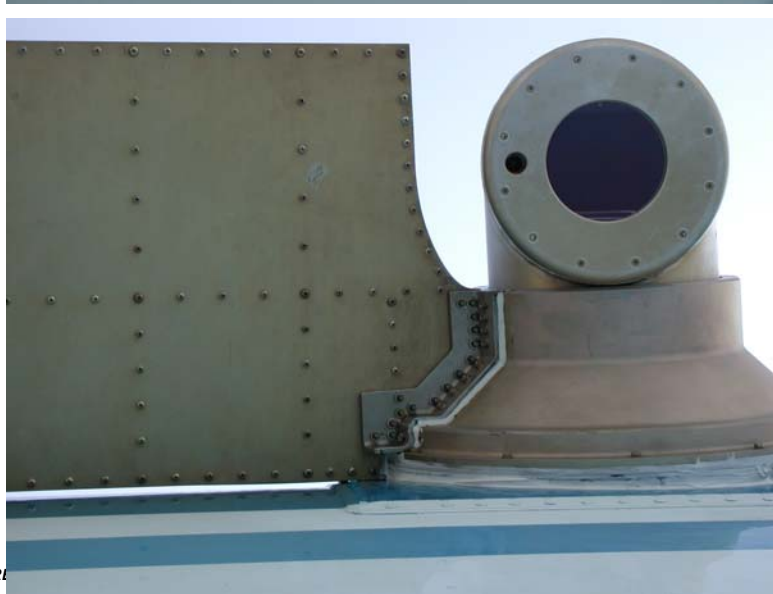
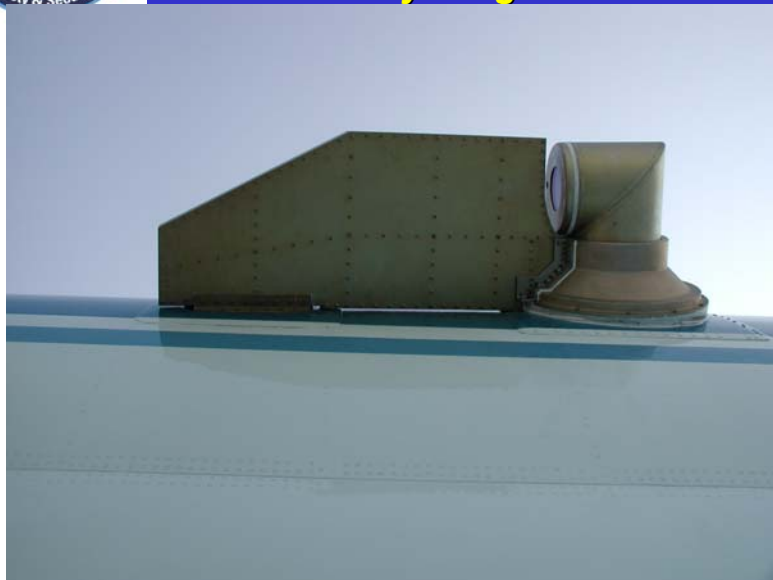
Current generation systems have replaced this with an internal recirculating loop with thermo-electric temperature control (similar to those used in PC's with liquid-cooled CPU's).





ACLAIM Installation – Hand-Operated Periscope for Setting Elevation Angle

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ACLAIM Installation – Situation Awareness Using Camera Mounted in Lidar Periscope

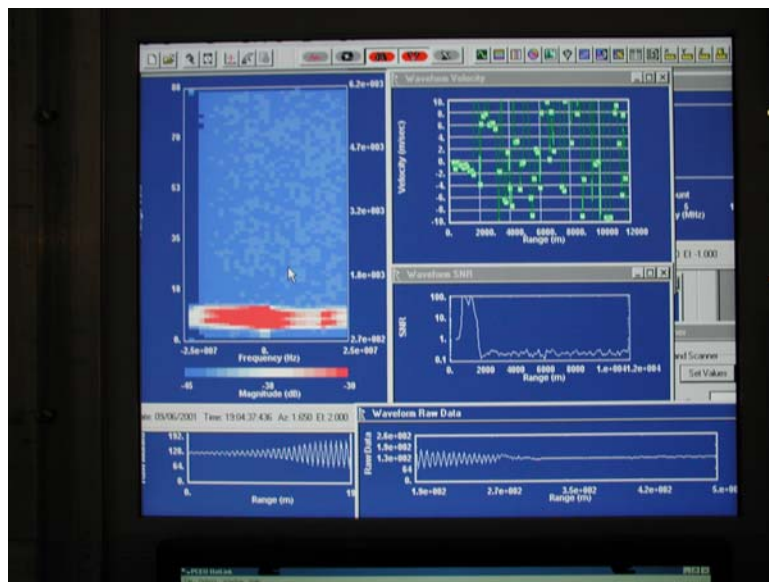
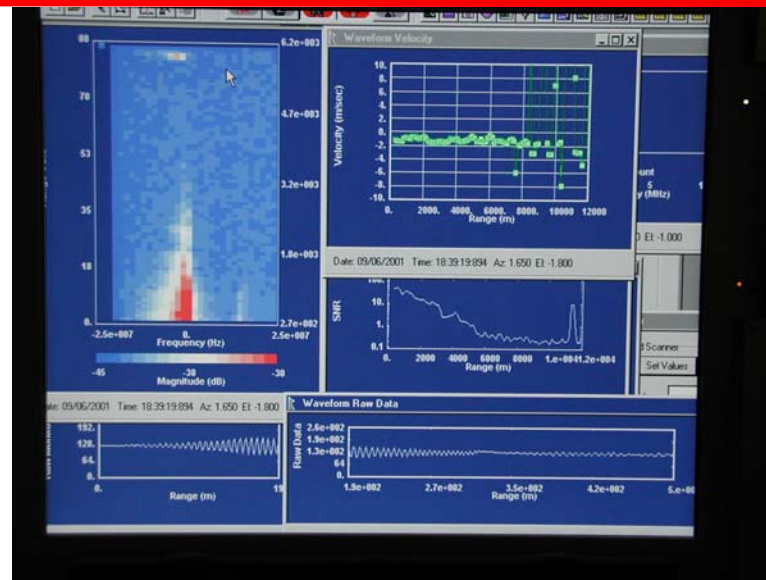
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ACLAIM Operator's Screen Sample

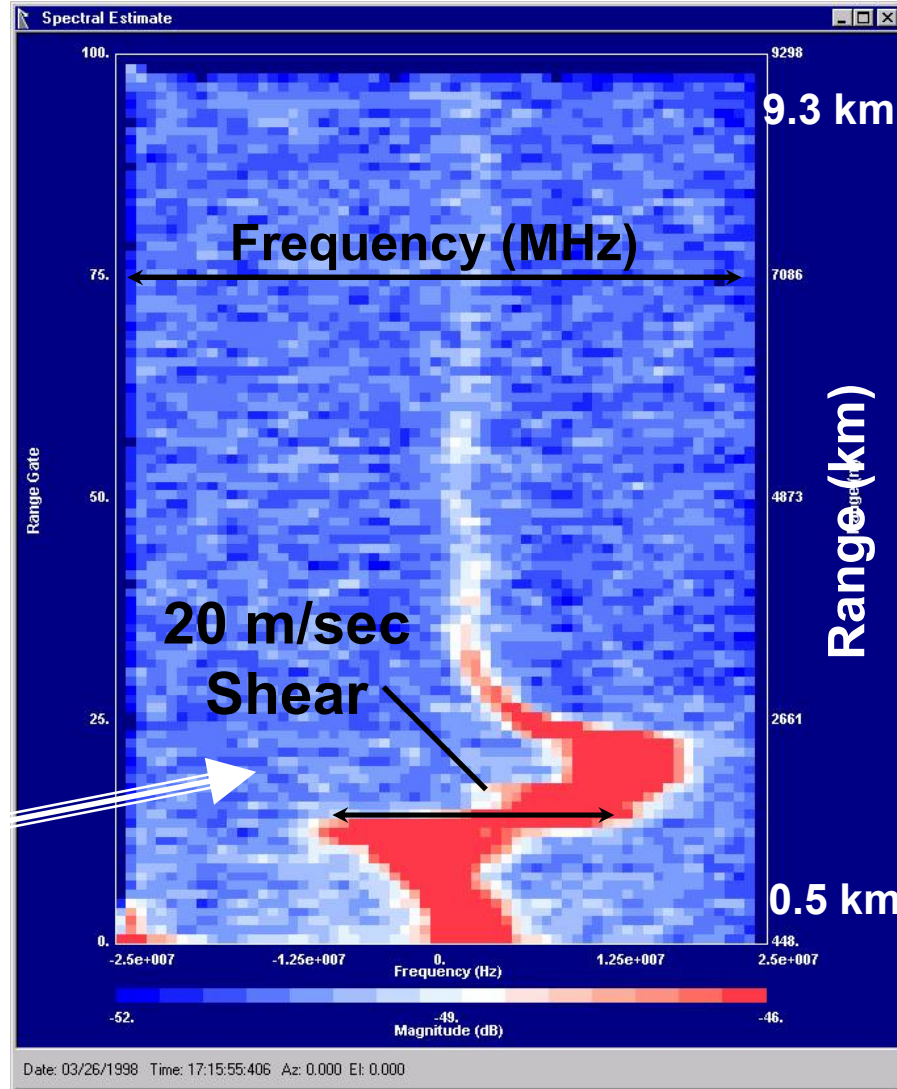
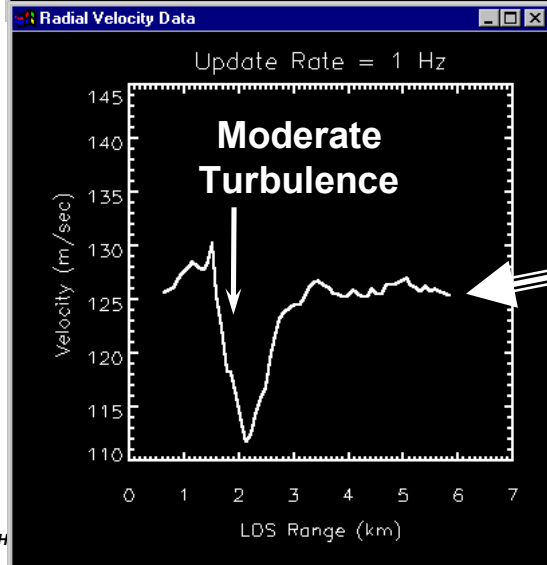
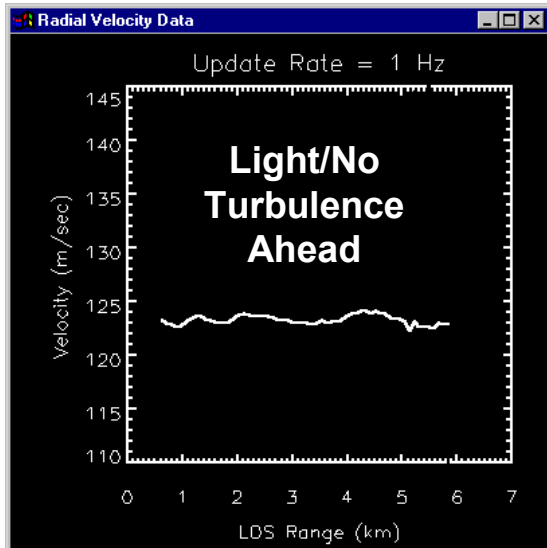
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Sample Doppler Spectrum from ACLAIM/Electra

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Isolated moderate to severe turbulence patch ahead

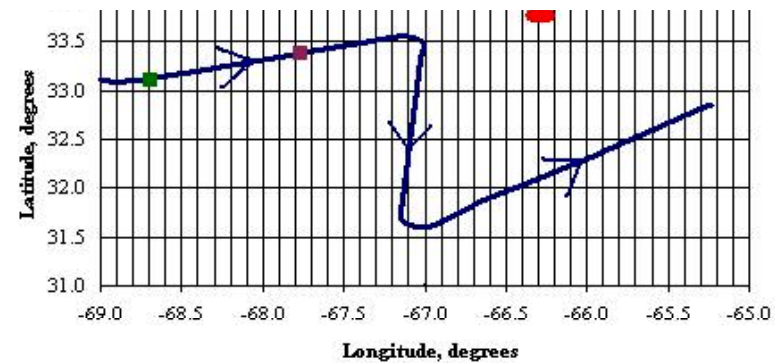
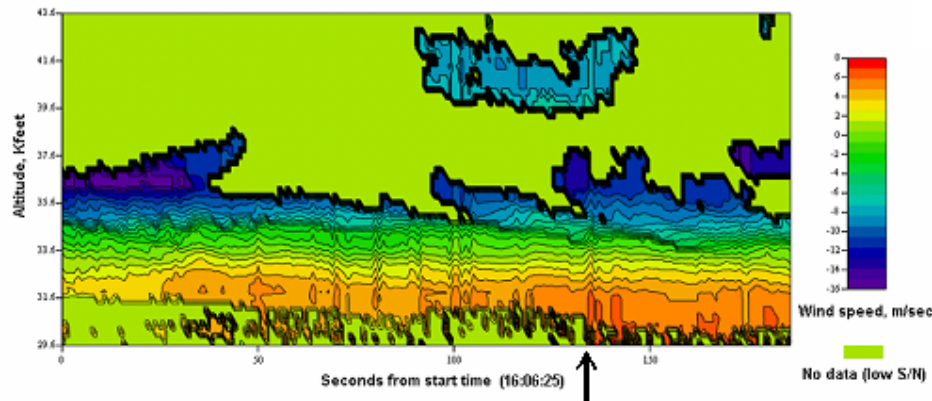
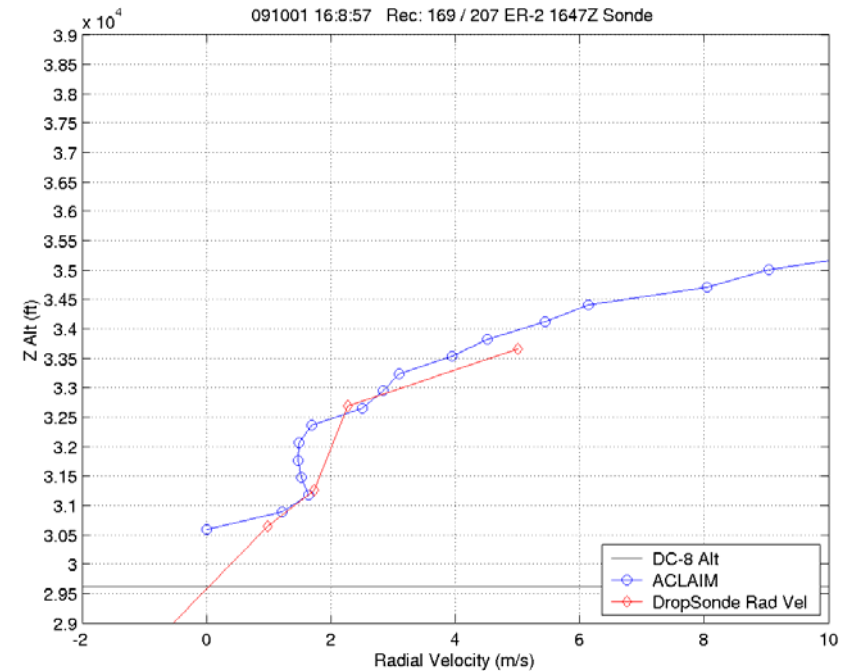
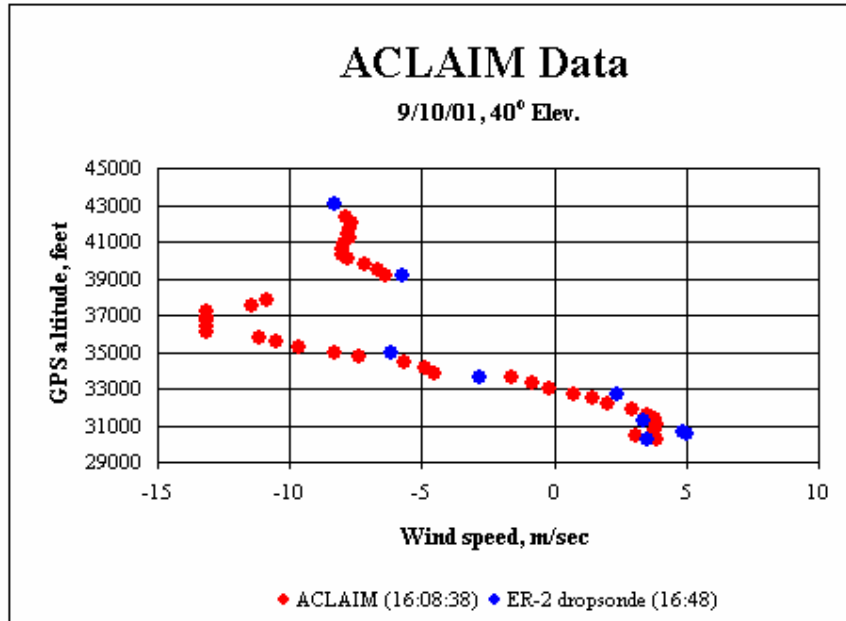
Detected turbulence and later penetrated it for confirmation



ACLAIM vs Dropsonde Windshear

September 10, 2001 Comparison

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CLPX and Coastal Eddy Data Discussion

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Four flights:

April 23, 2003

**Dedicated ACLAIM flight
Mountain wave**

April 28, 2003

Variation in SNR

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**Mountain wave Rotor
Turbulence**

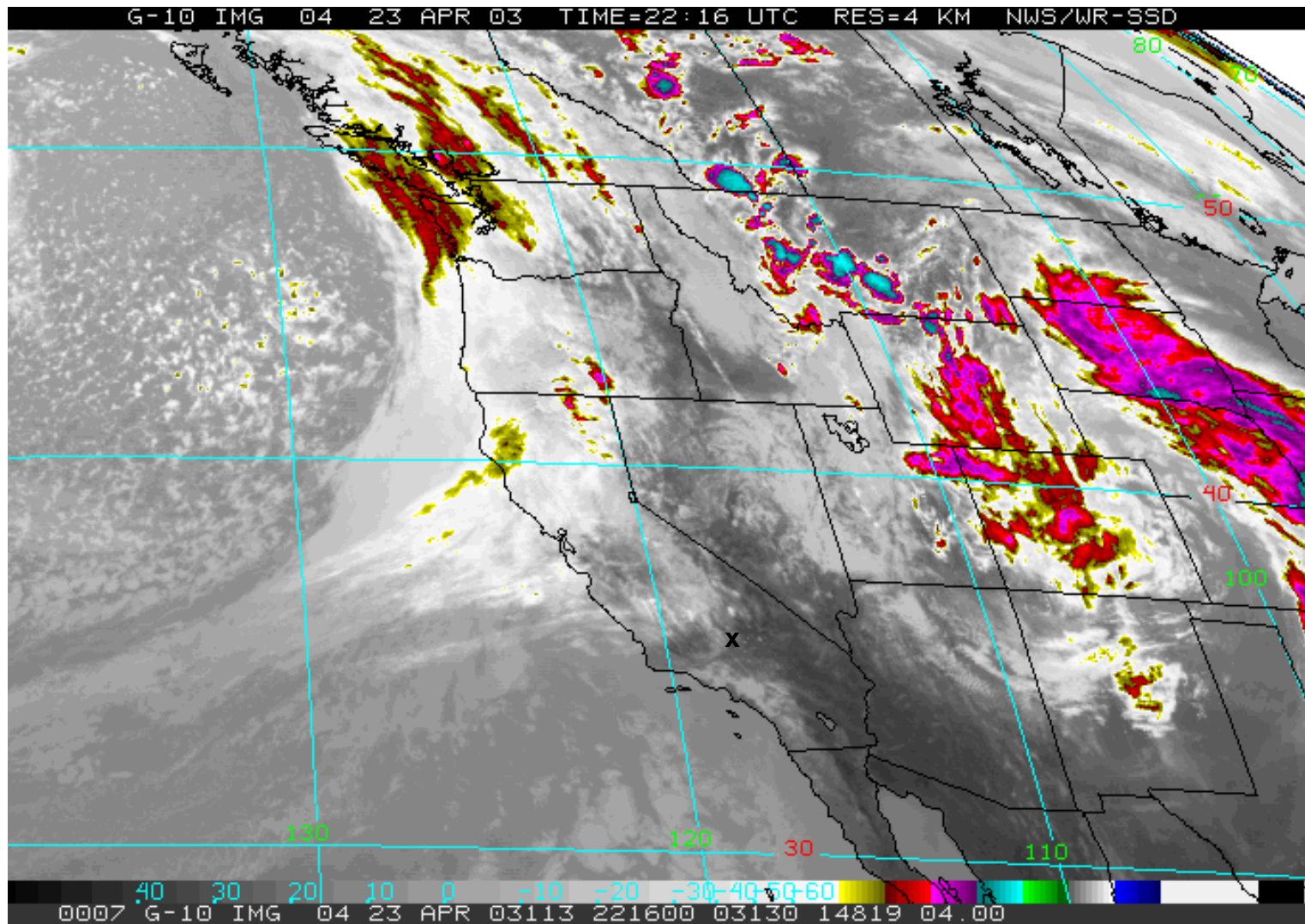
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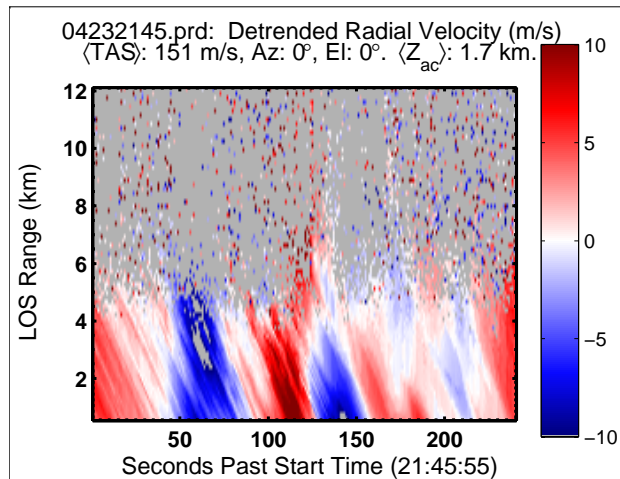




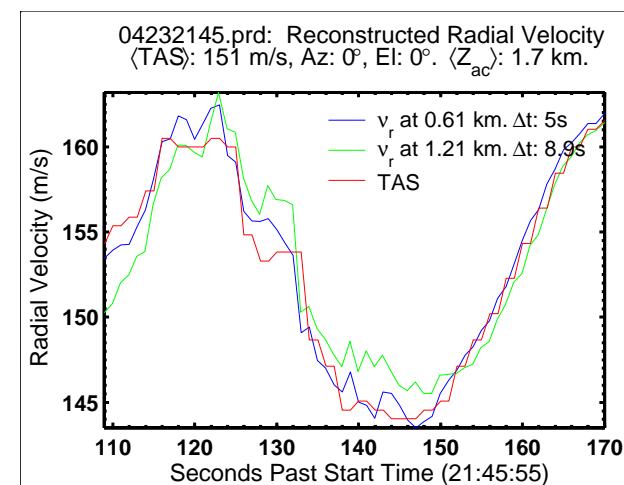
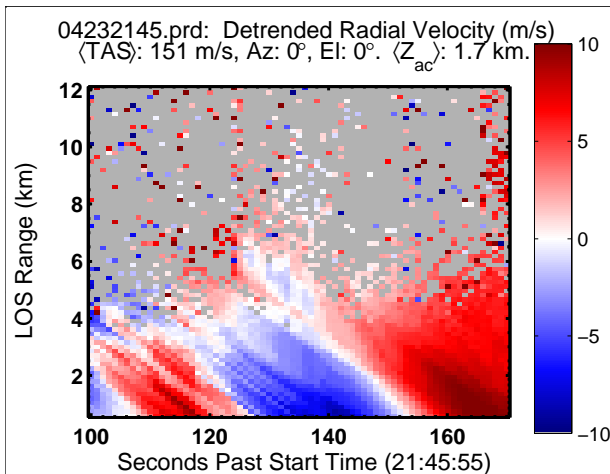
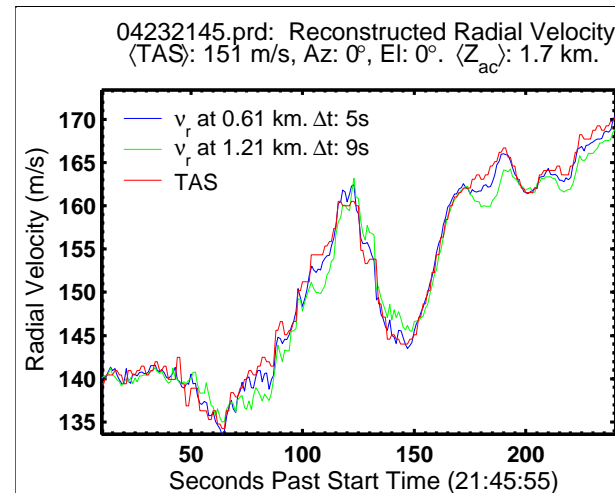
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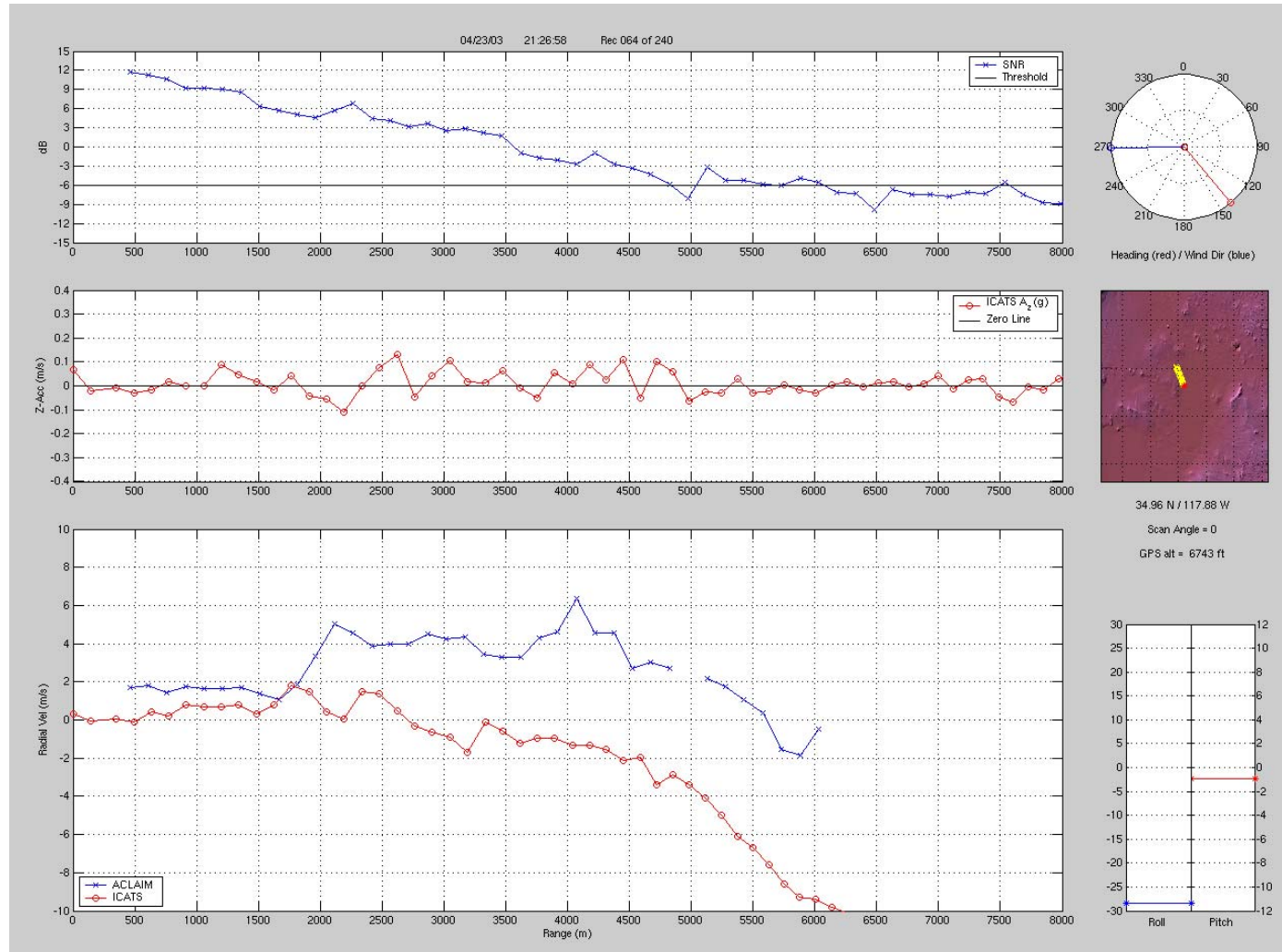
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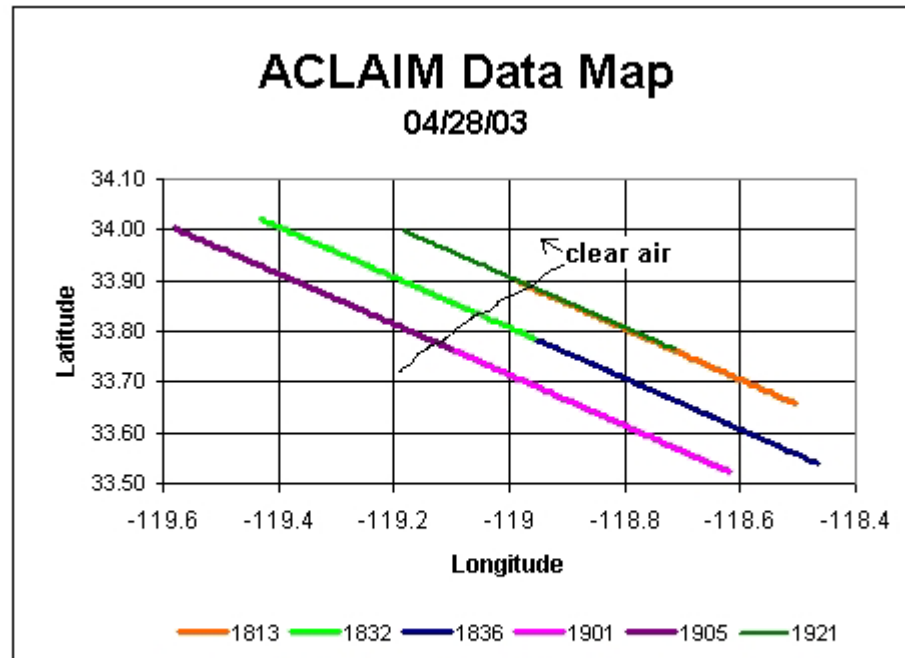
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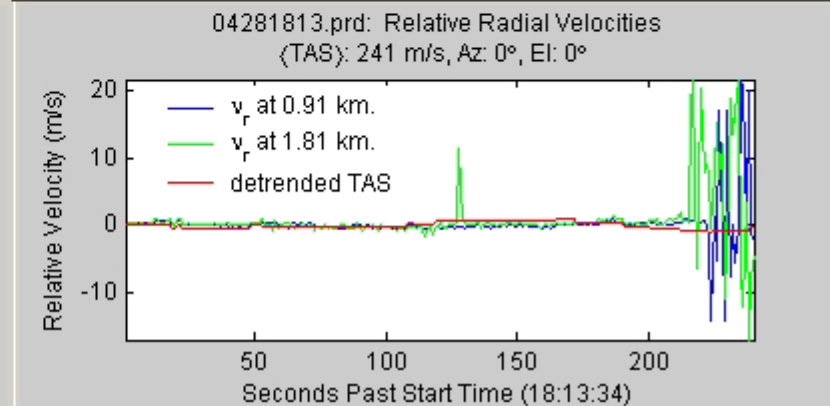
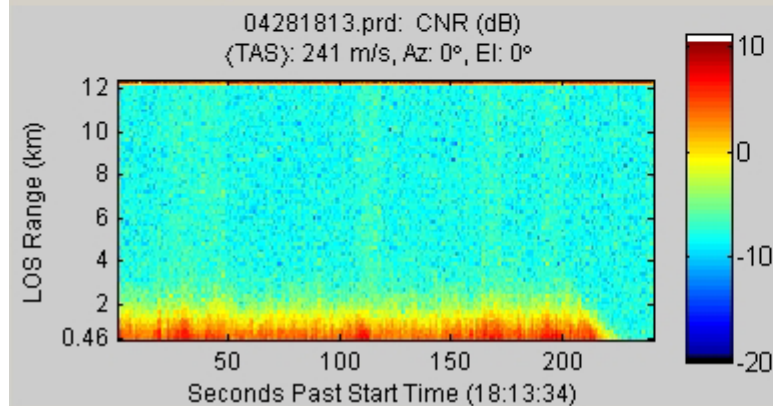
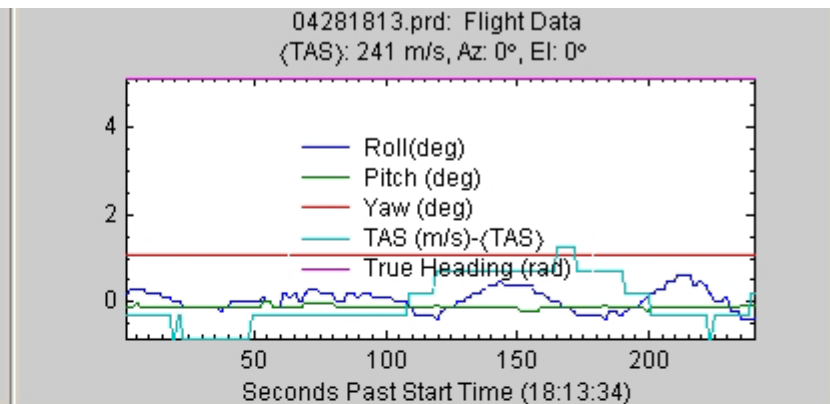
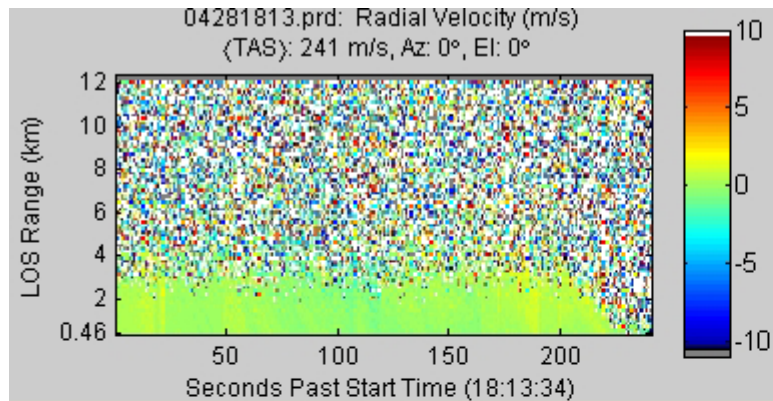
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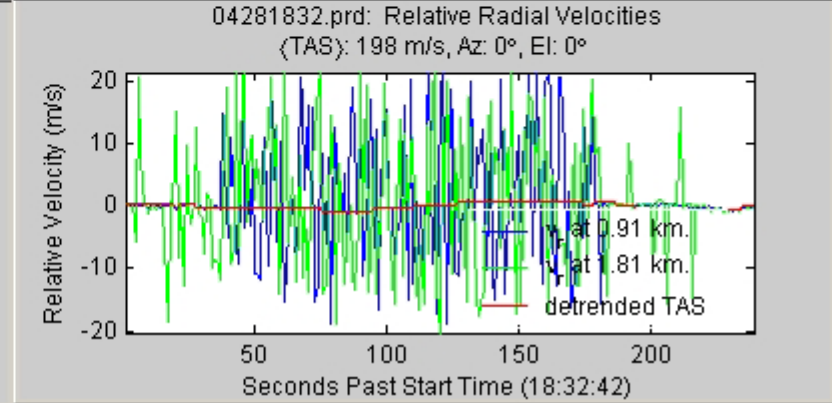
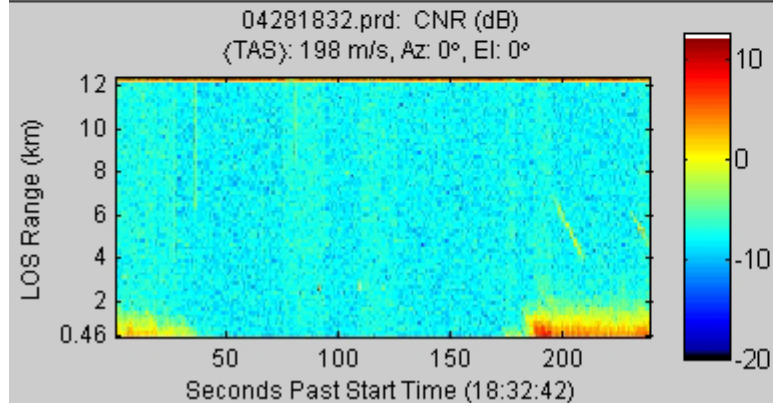
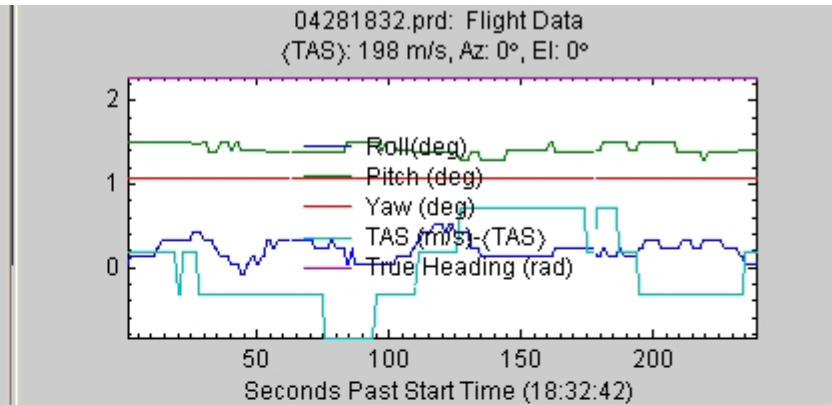
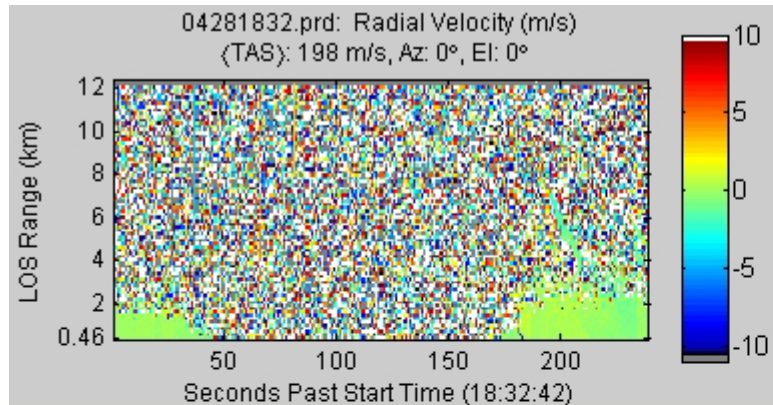
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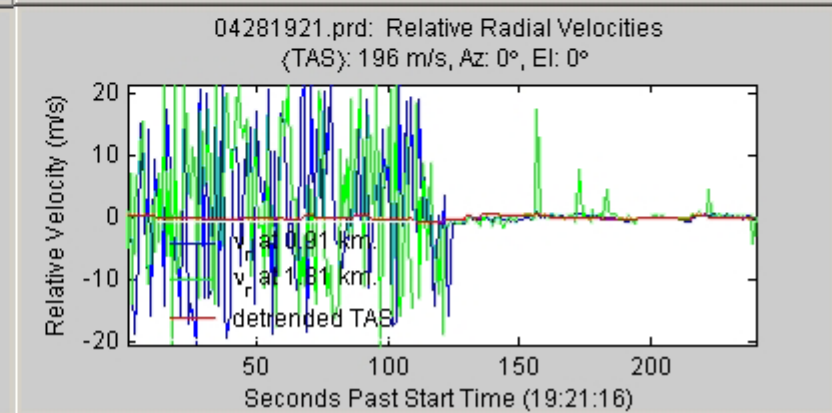
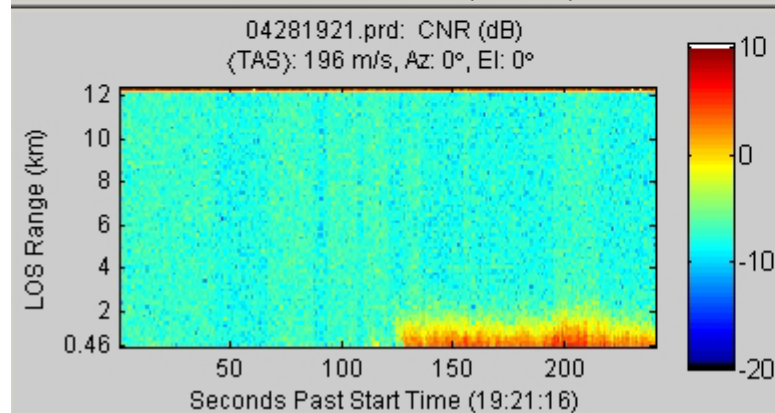
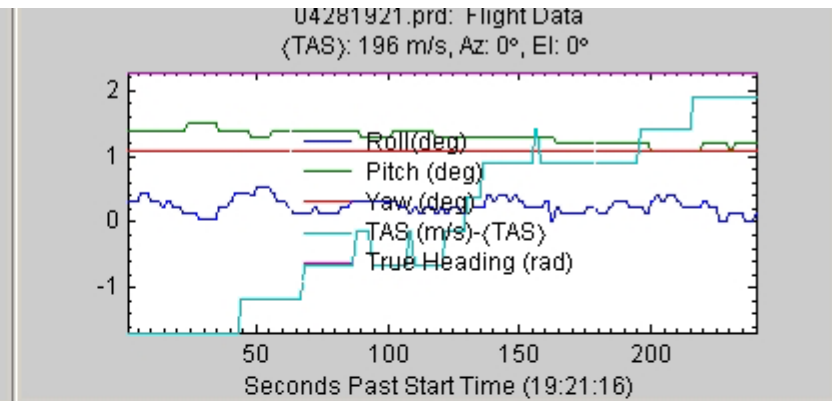
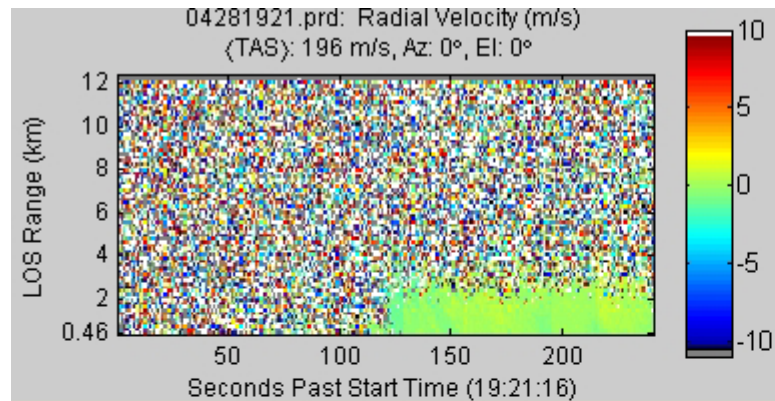
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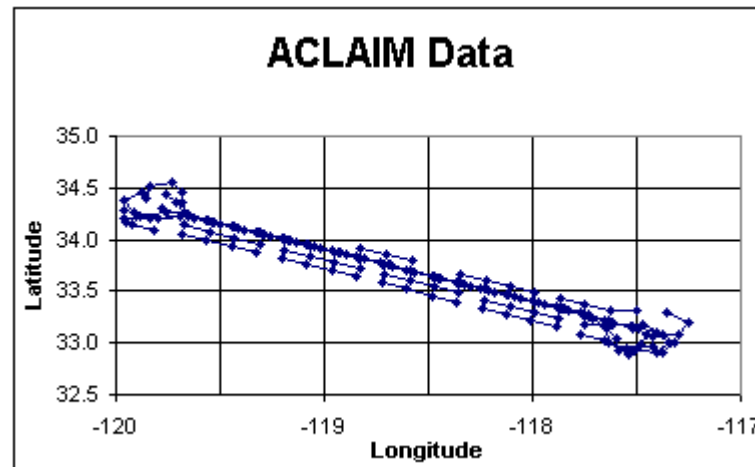
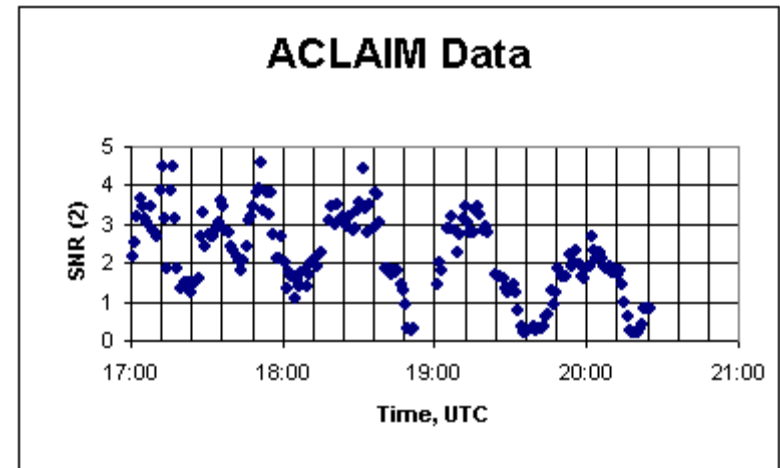
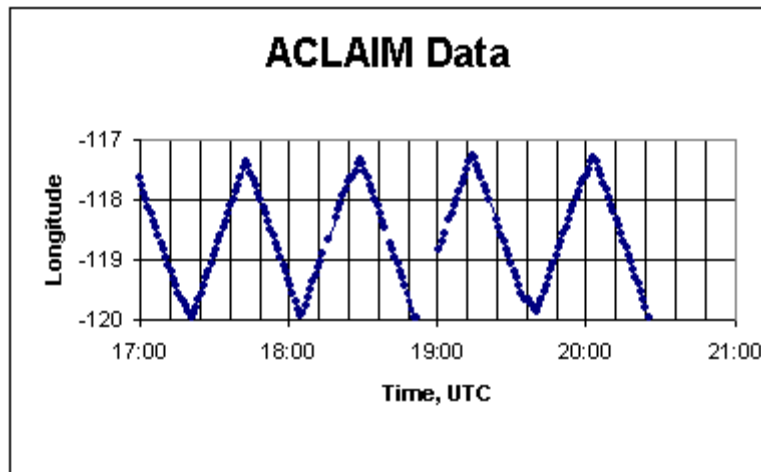
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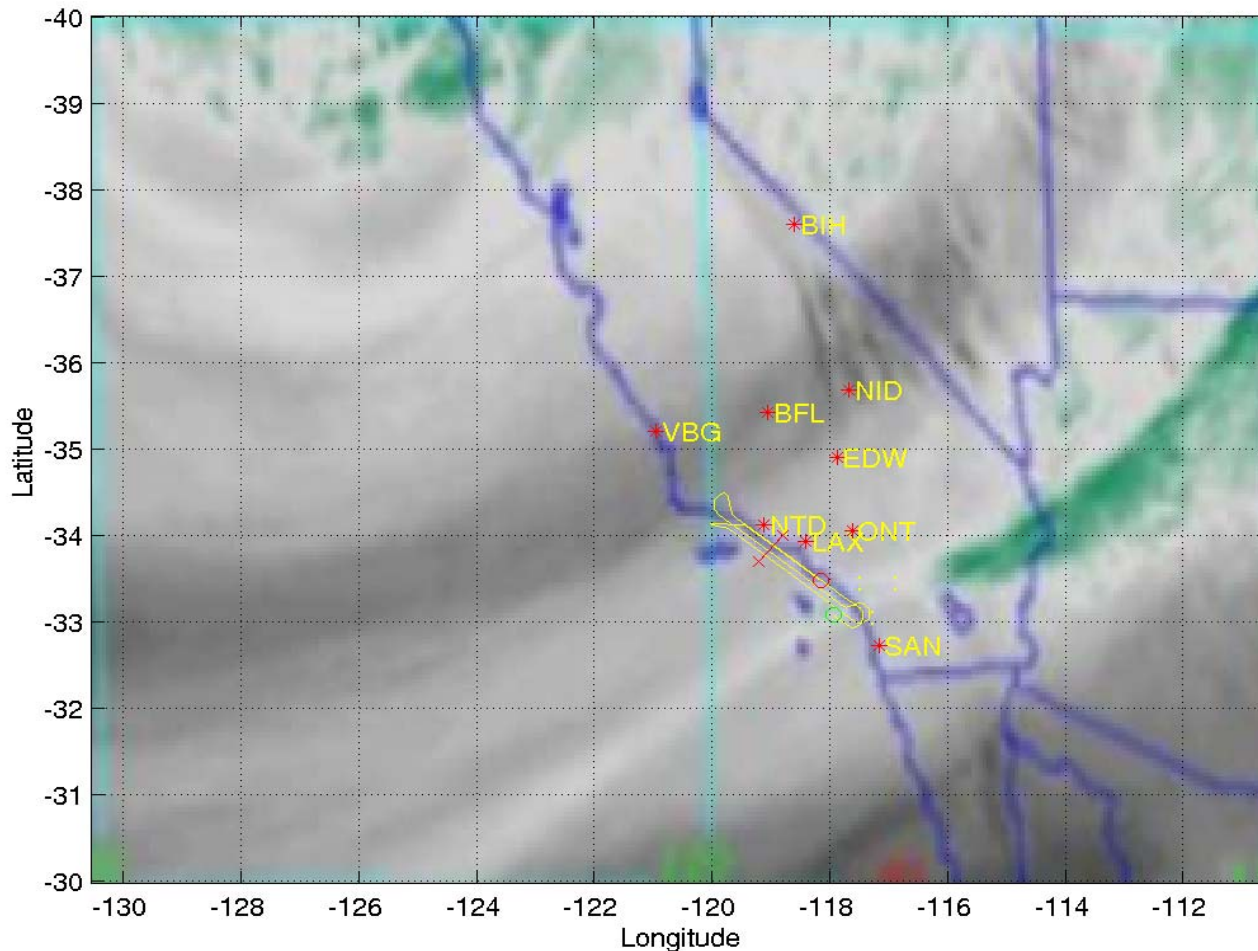
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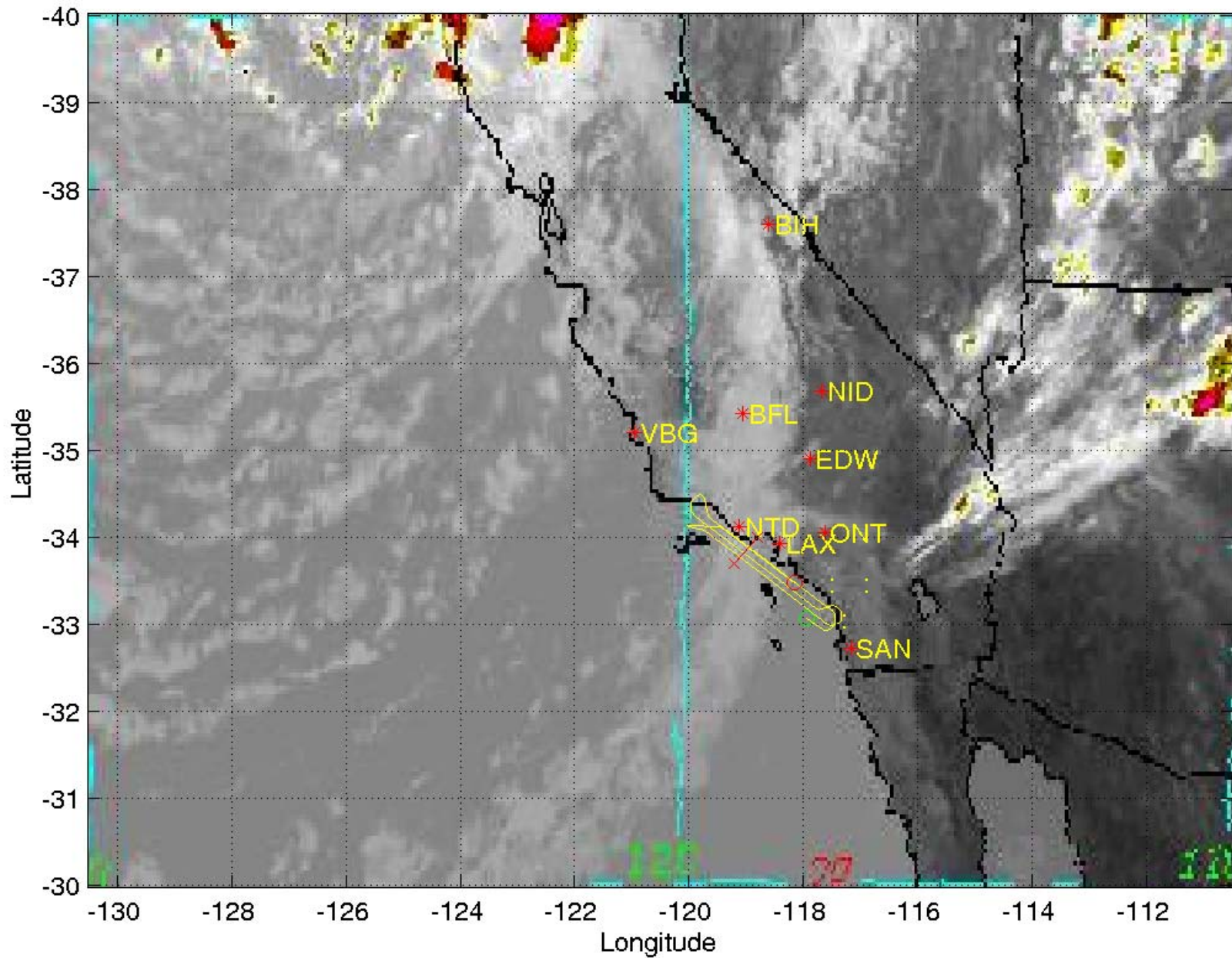


April 28, 2003 Variation in SNR and Mountain Wave Rotor Turbulence

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April 28, 2003 Mountain Wave Rotor Turbulence



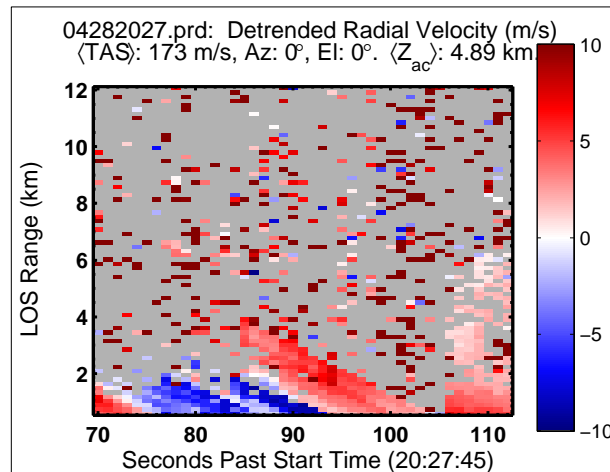
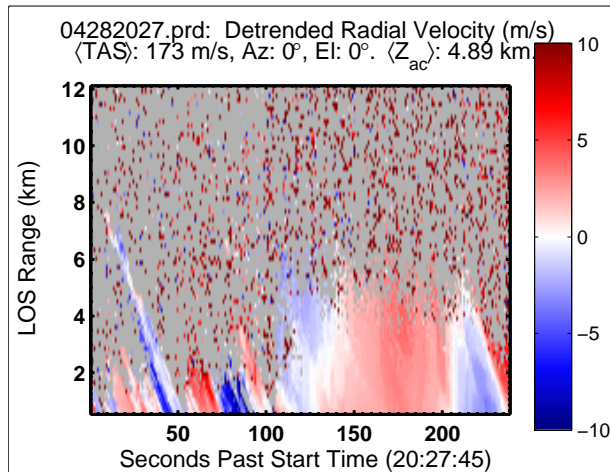
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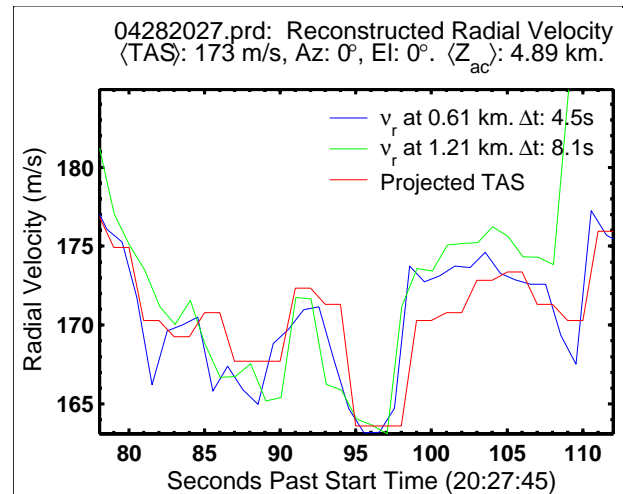
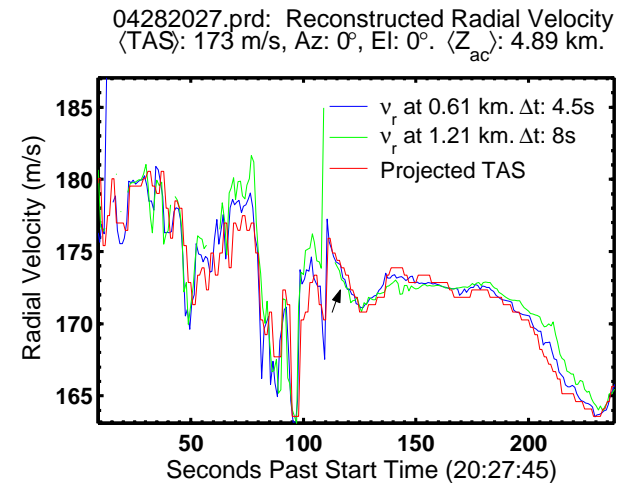
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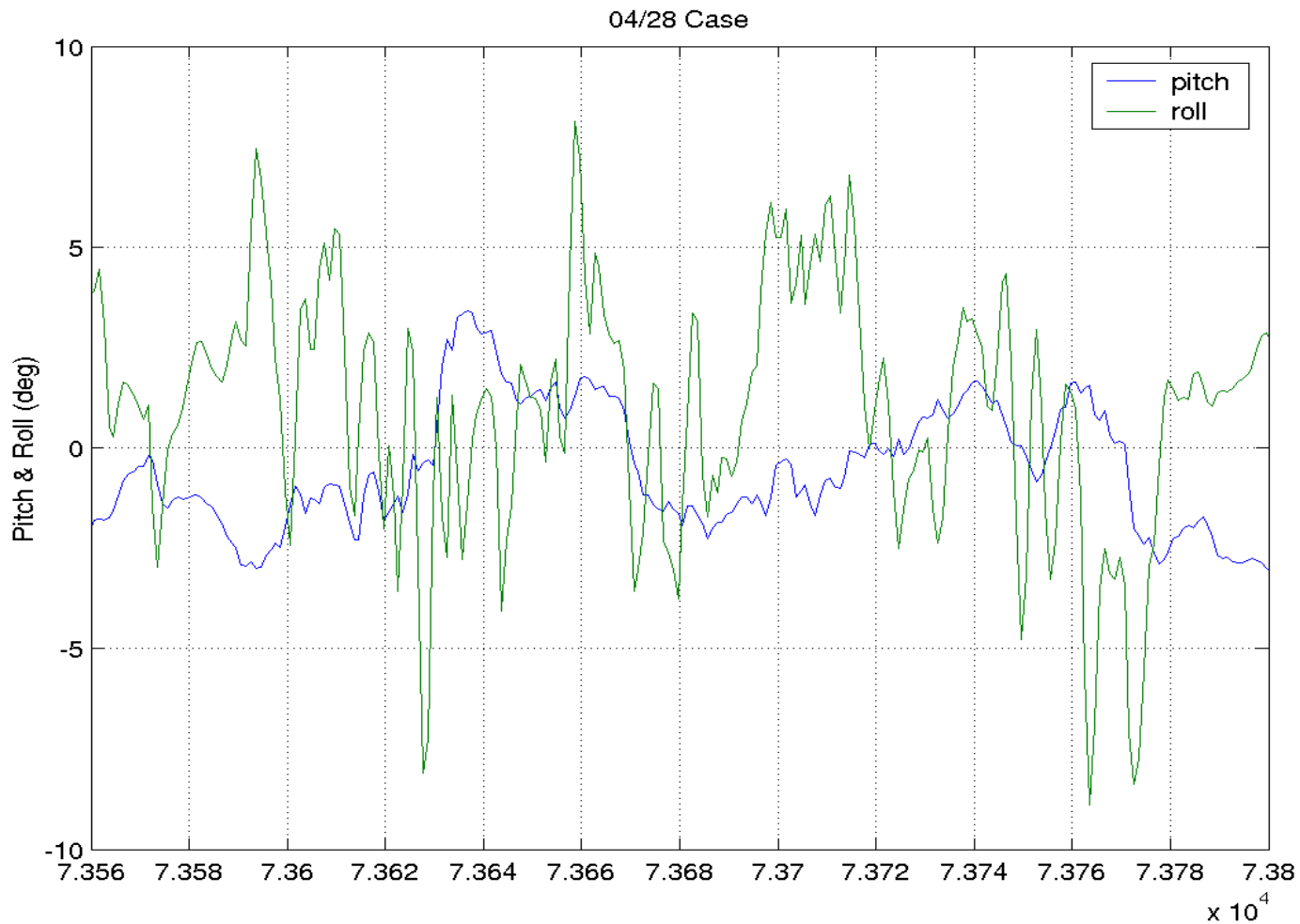
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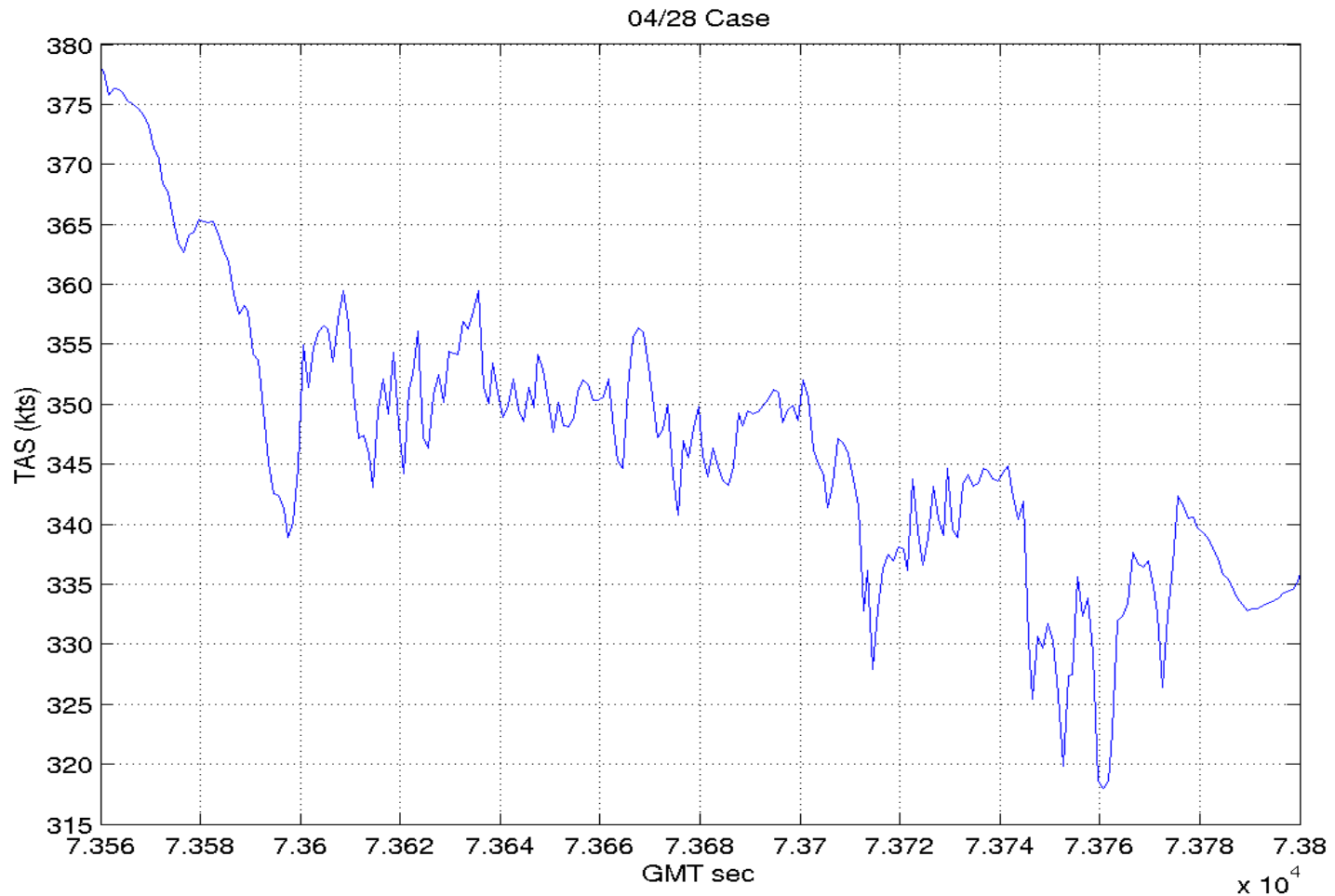
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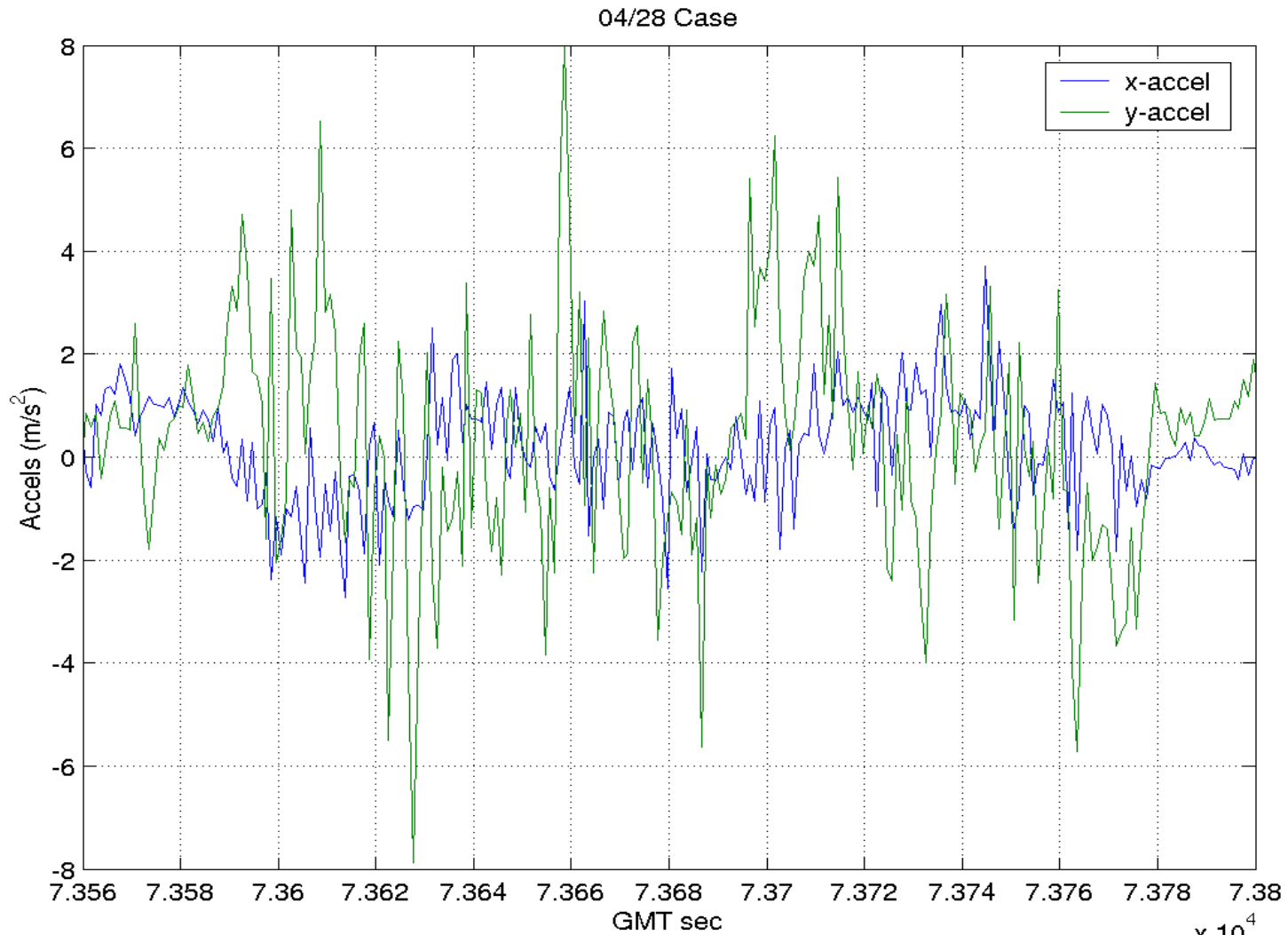
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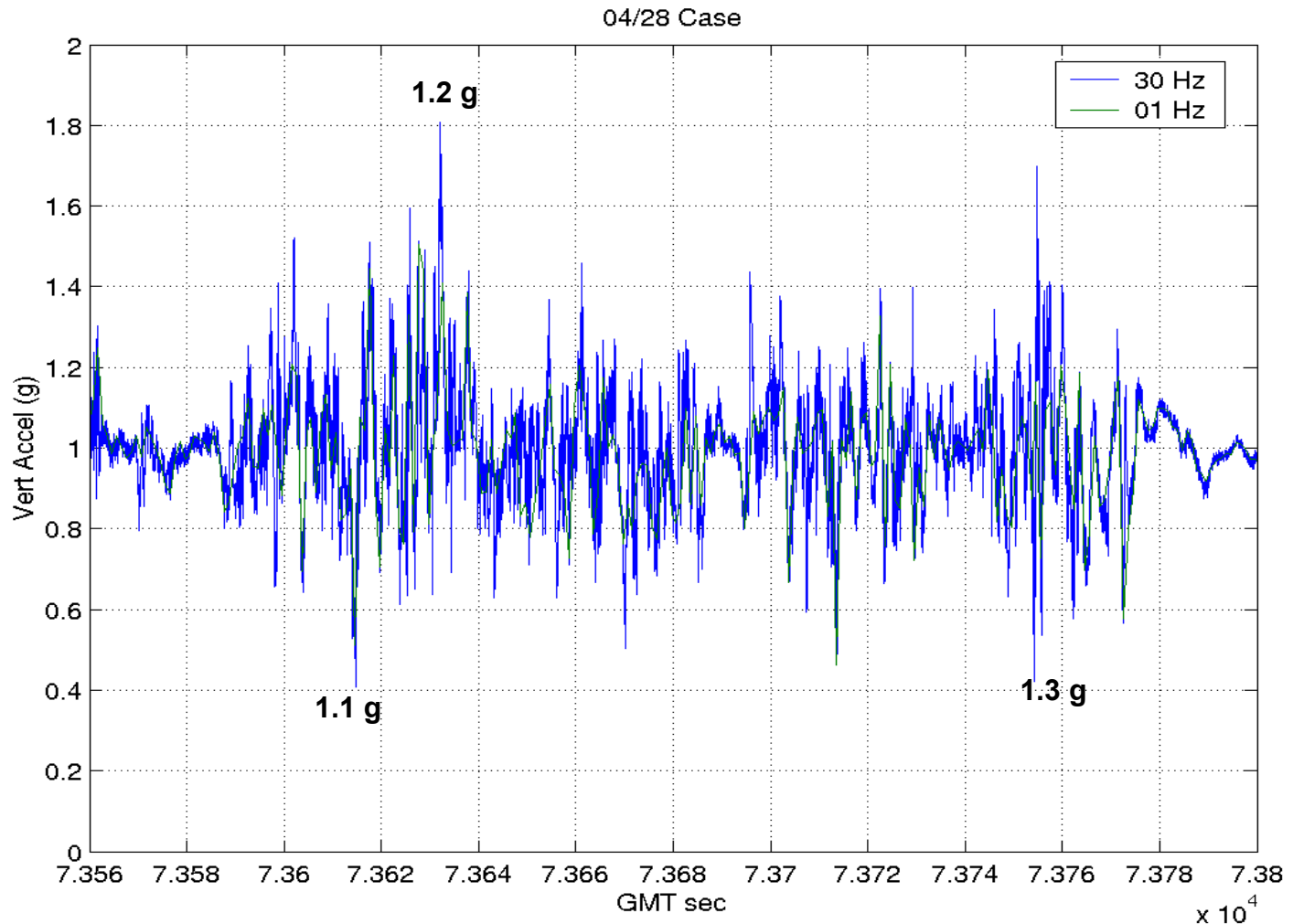


Lateral acceleration data for the April 28 case. Time start = 20:26:00, time stop = 20:30:00 $\times 10^4$



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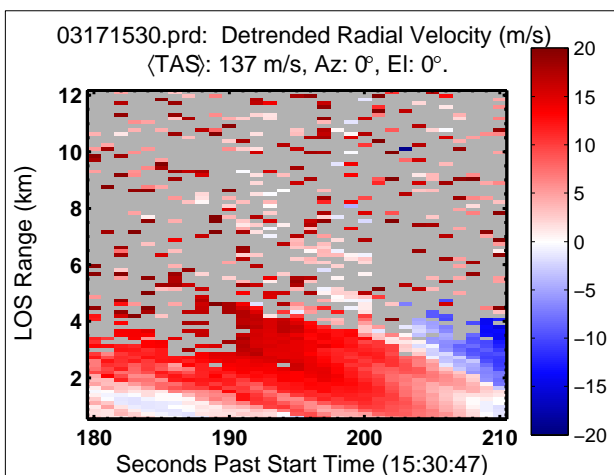
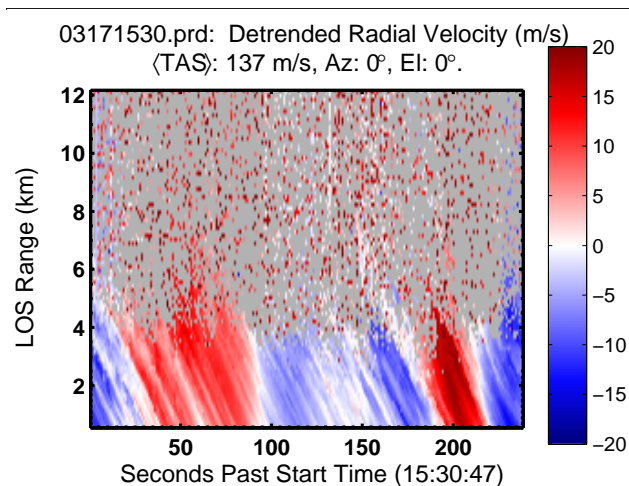




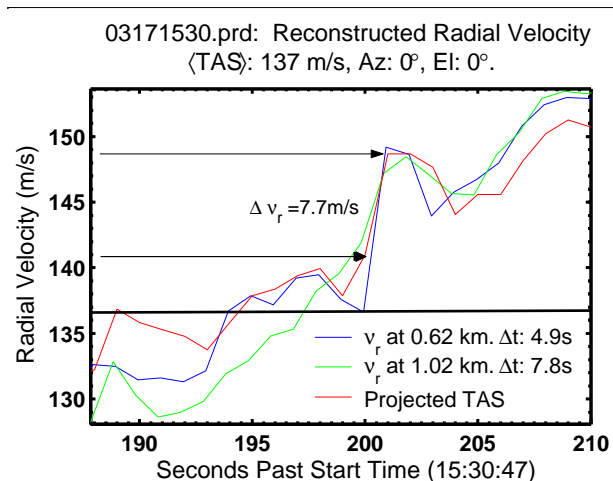
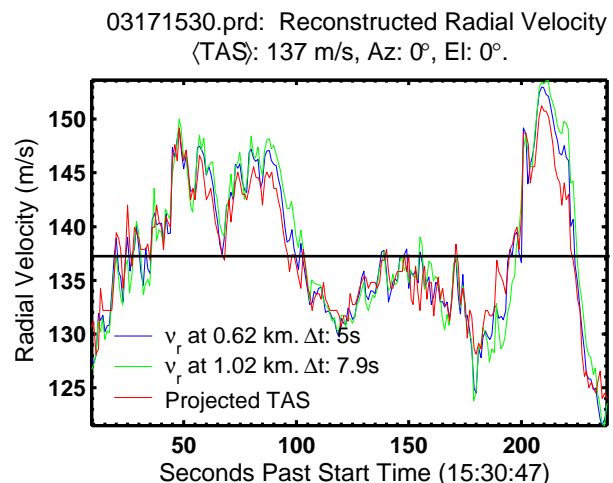
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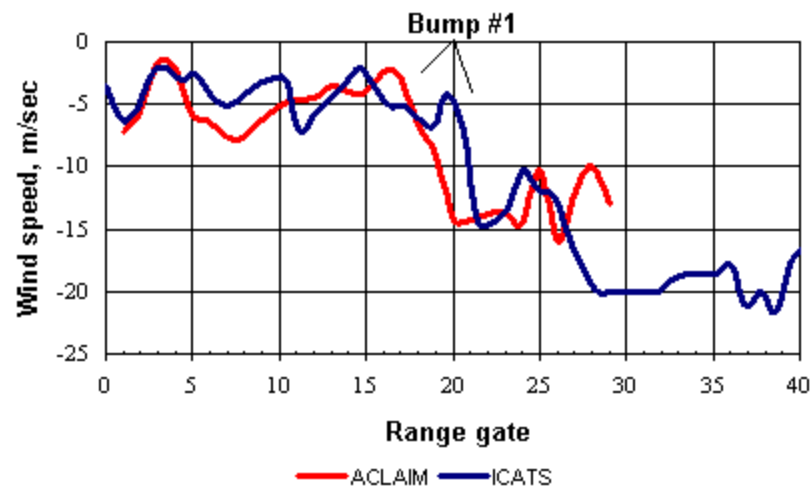




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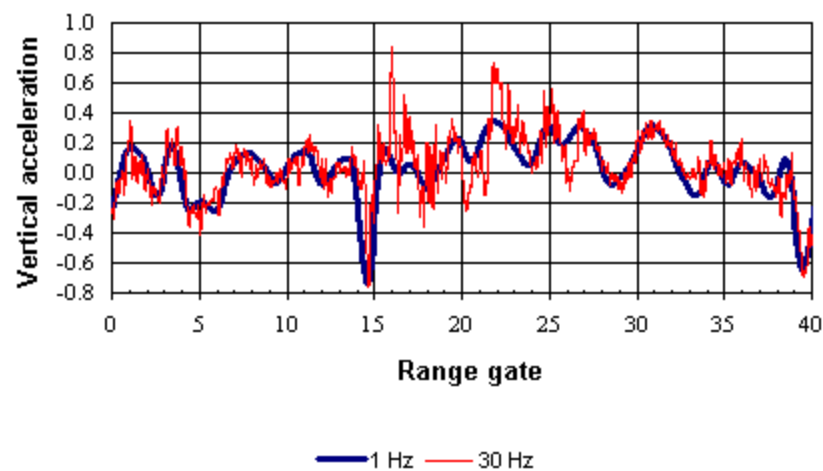
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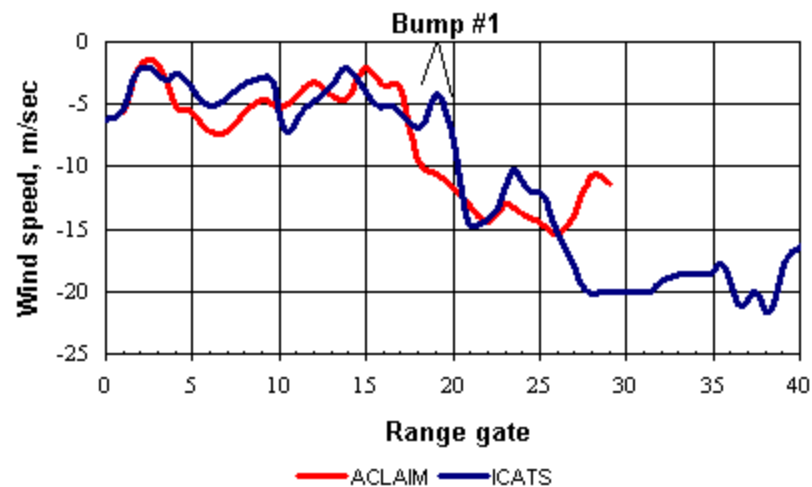




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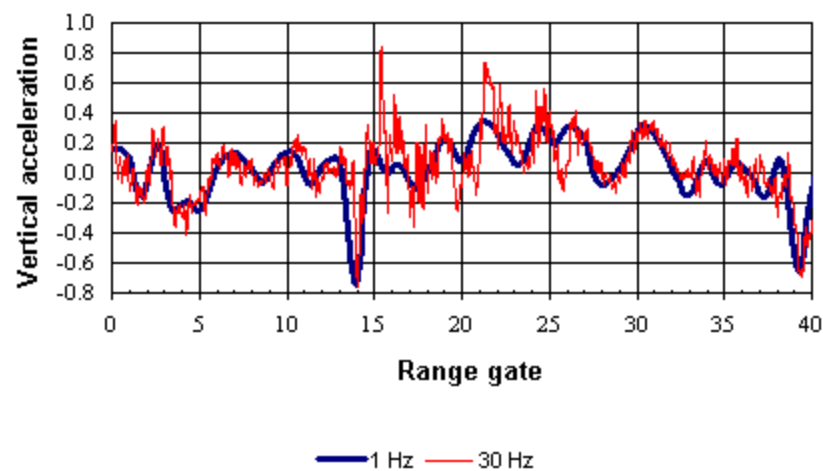
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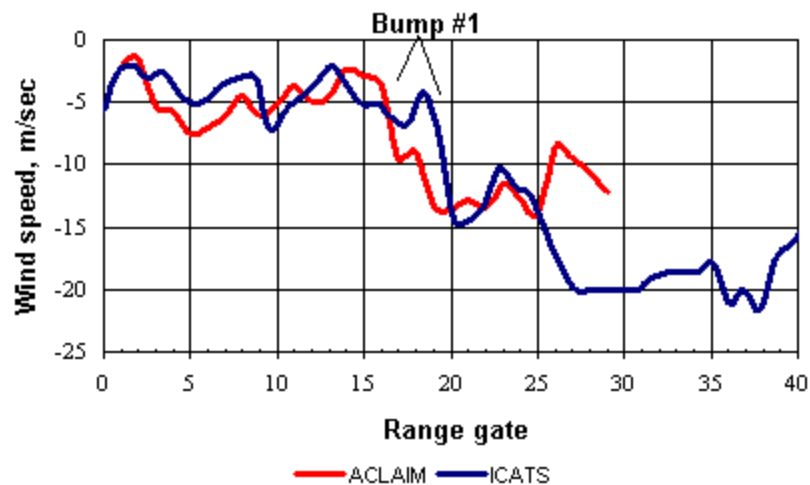




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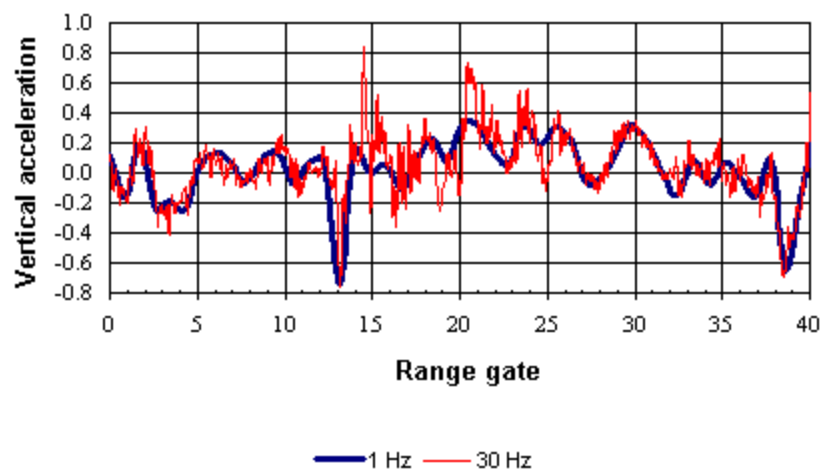
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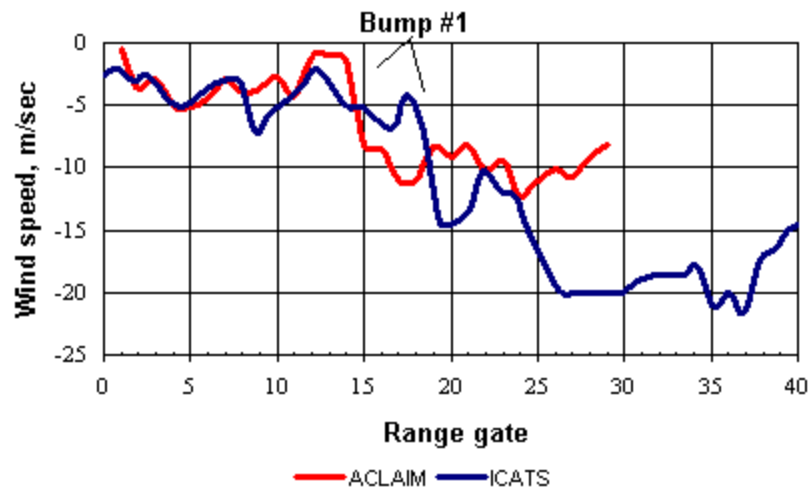




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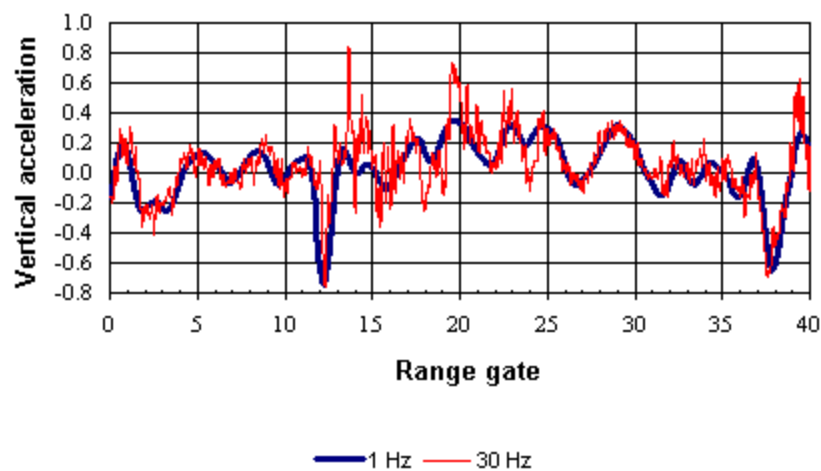
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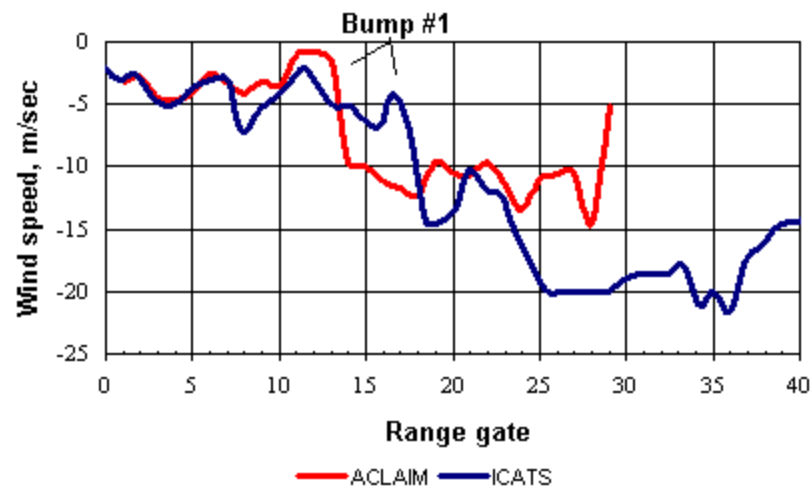




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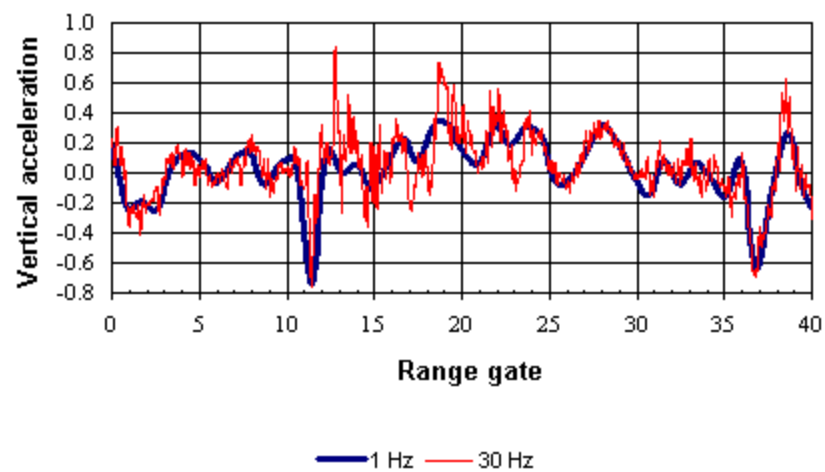
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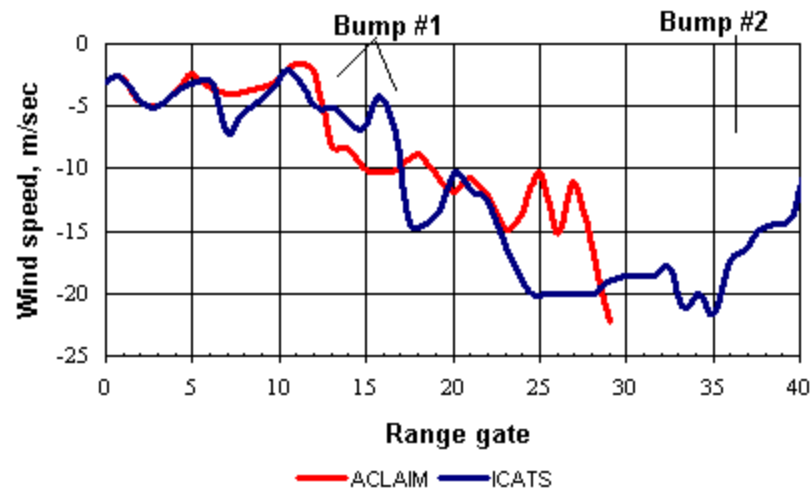




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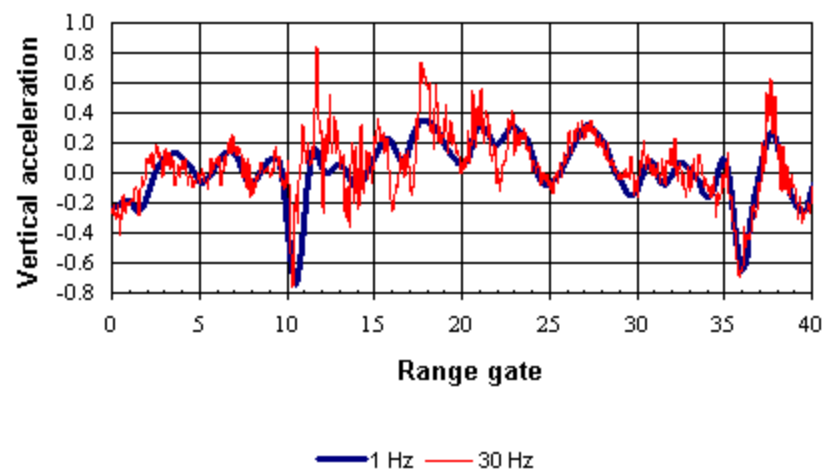
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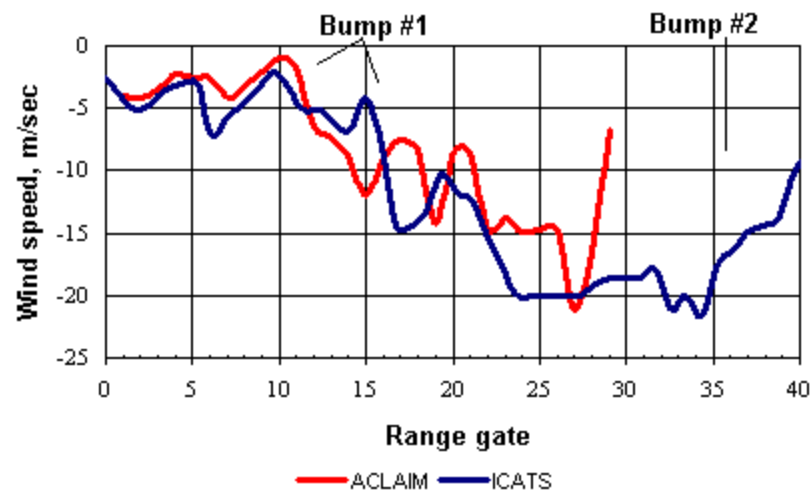




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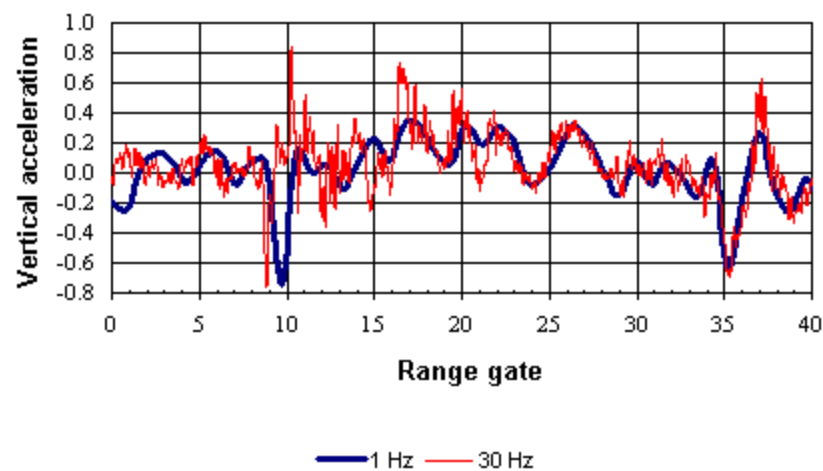
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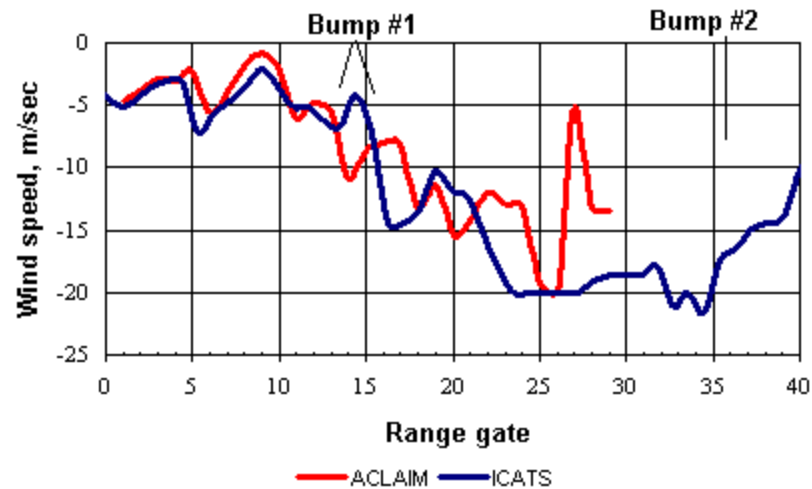




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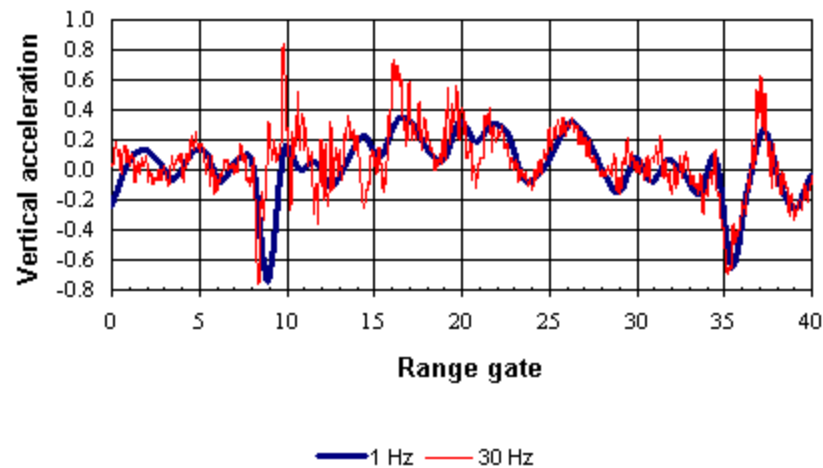
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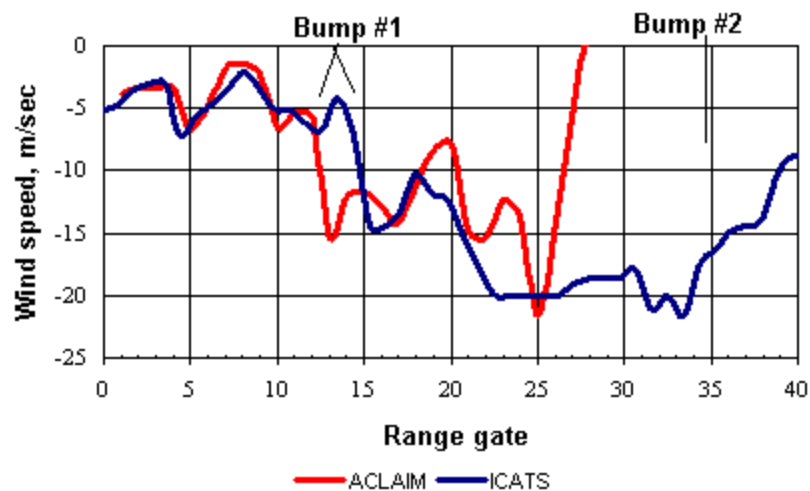




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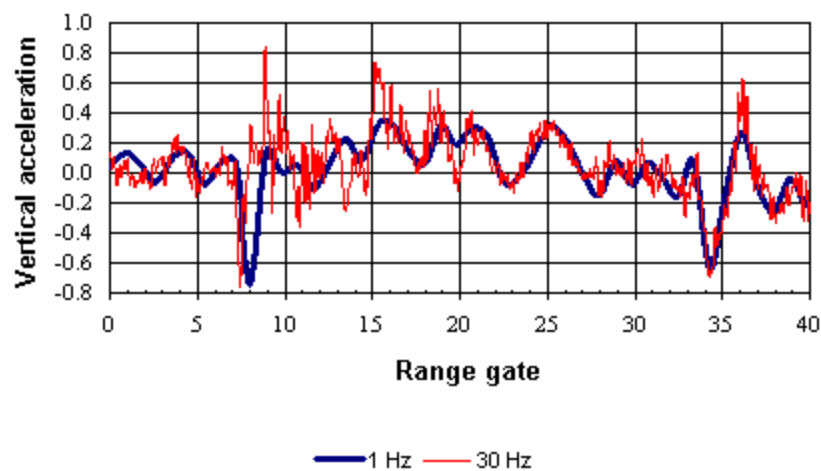
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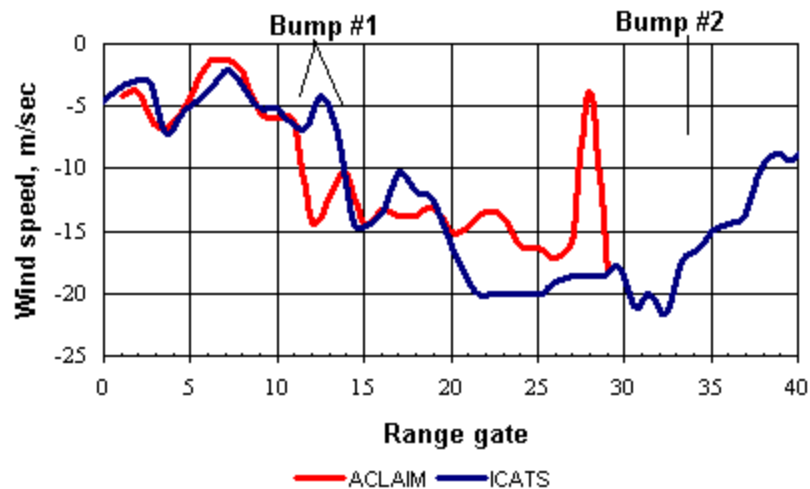




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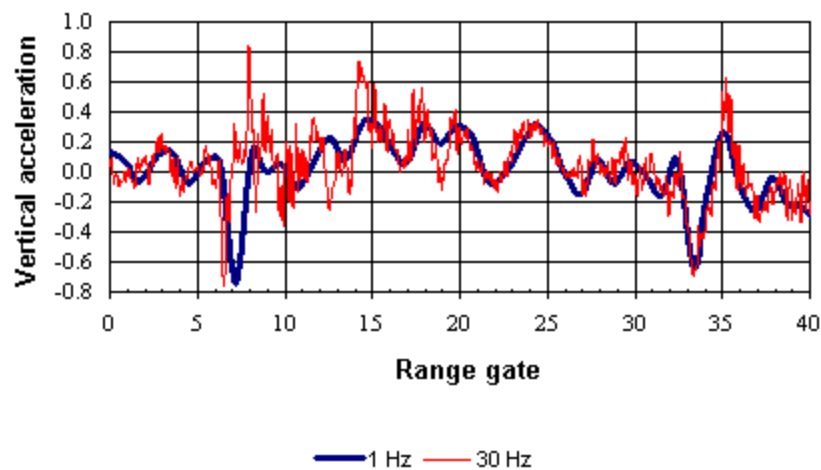
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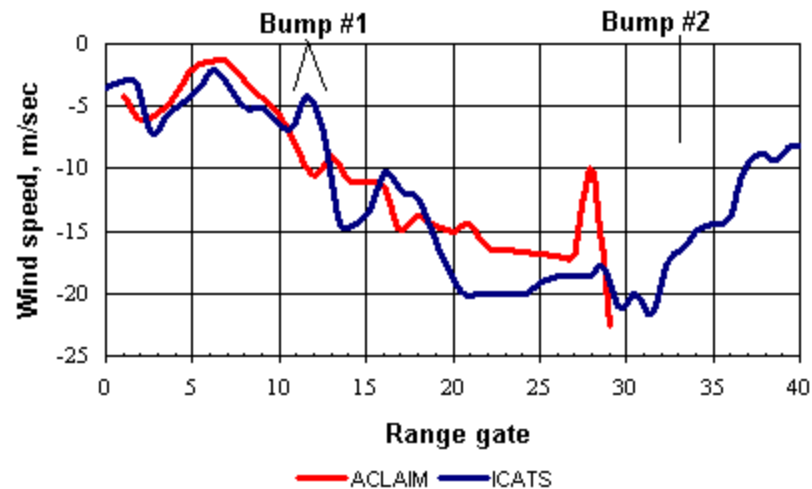




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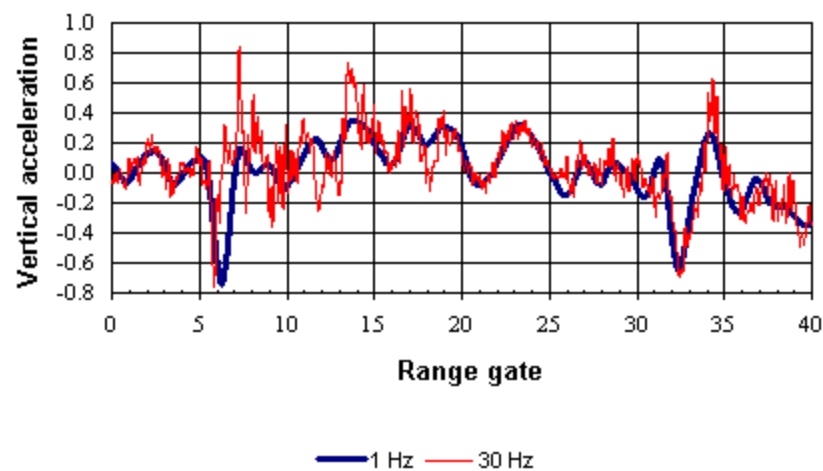
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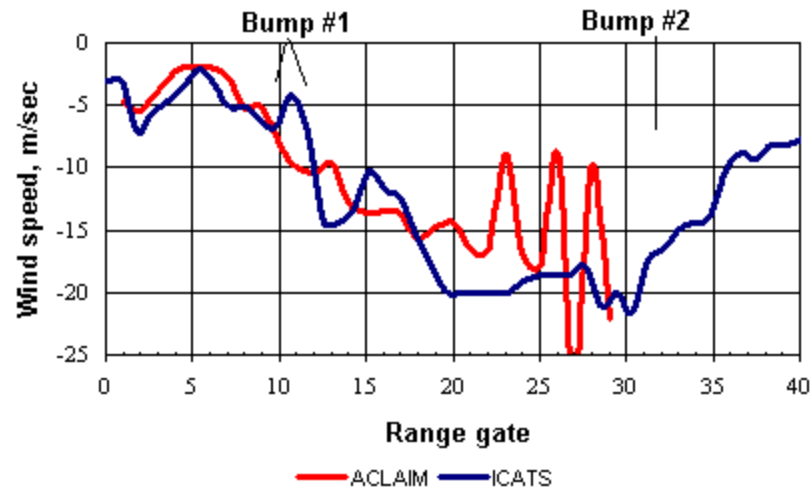




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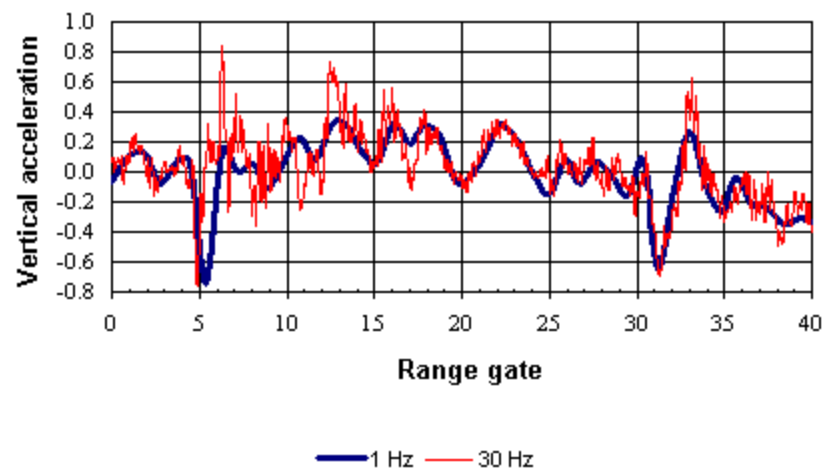
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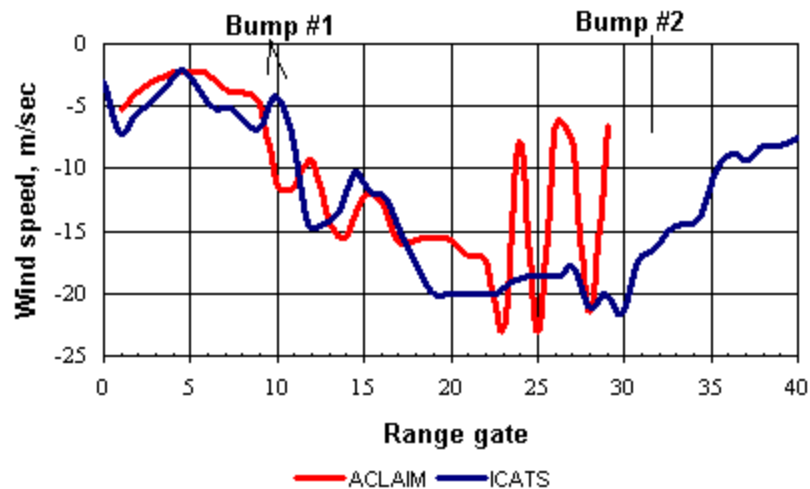




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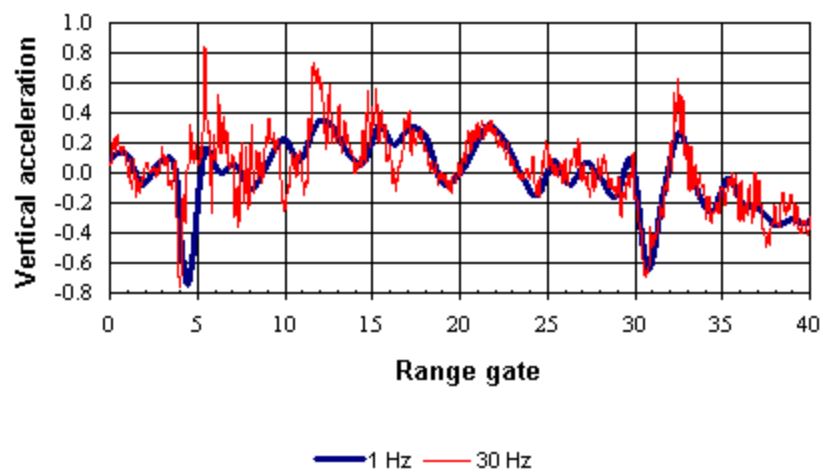
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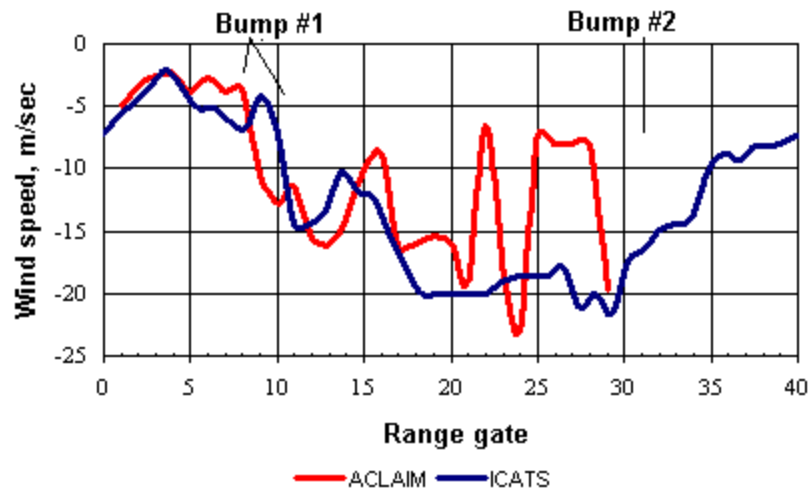




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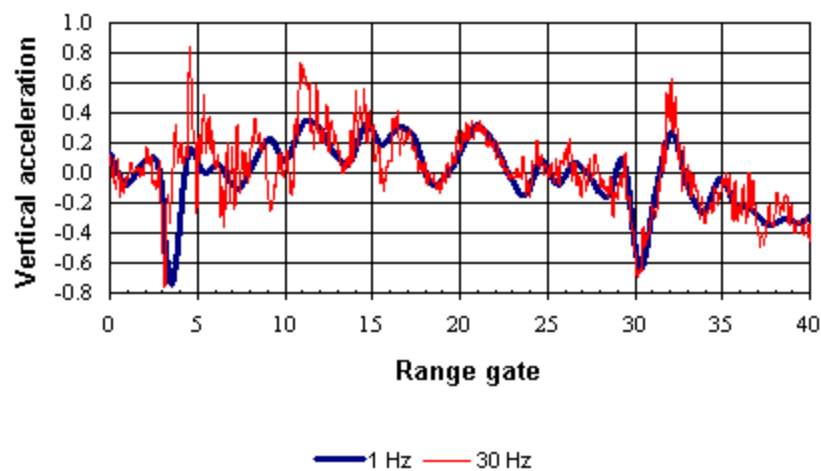
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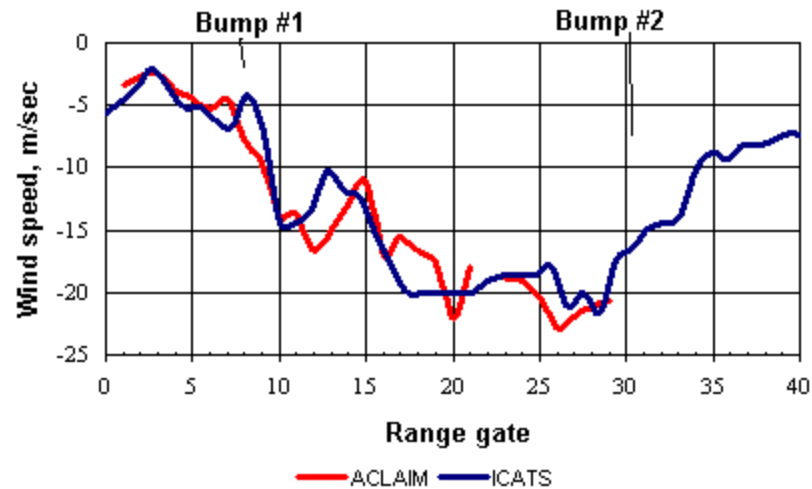




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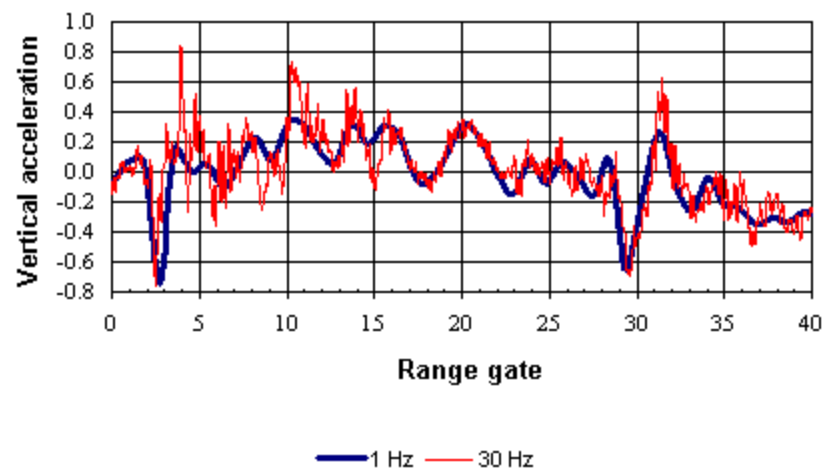
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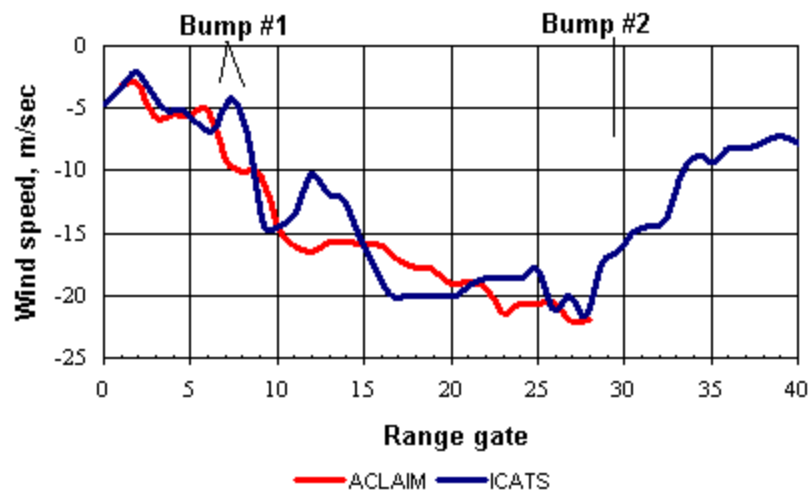




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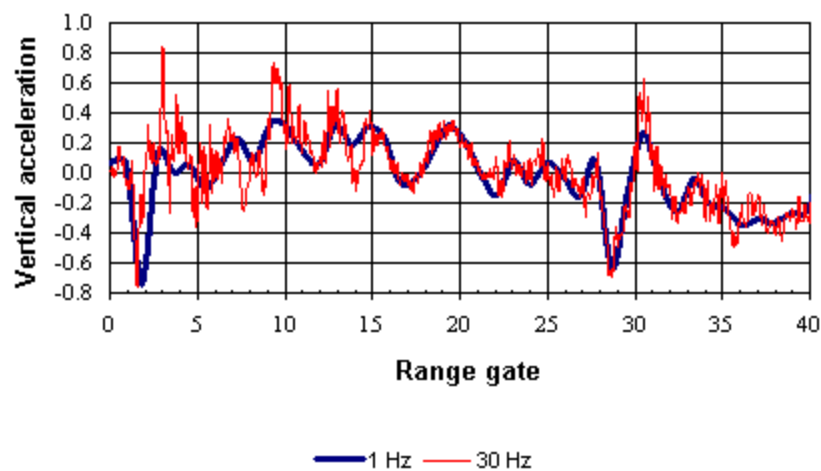
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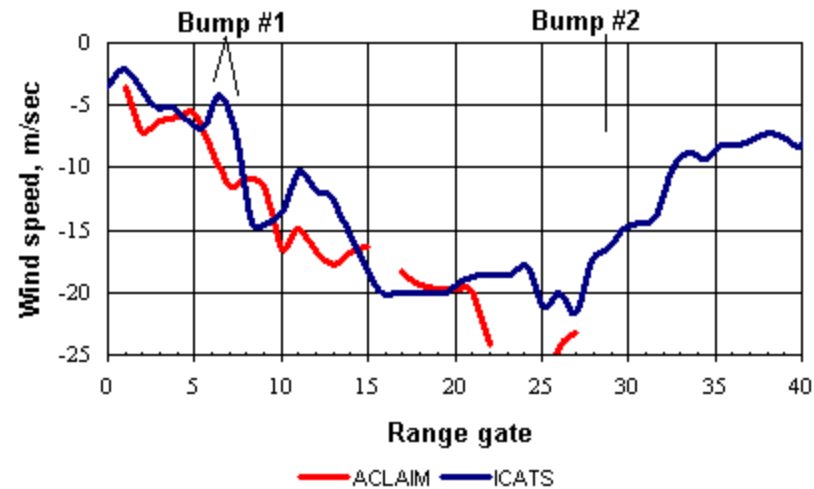




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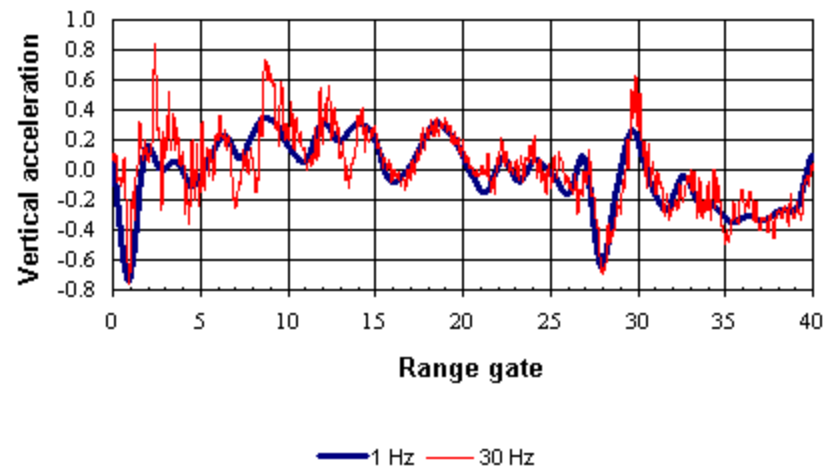
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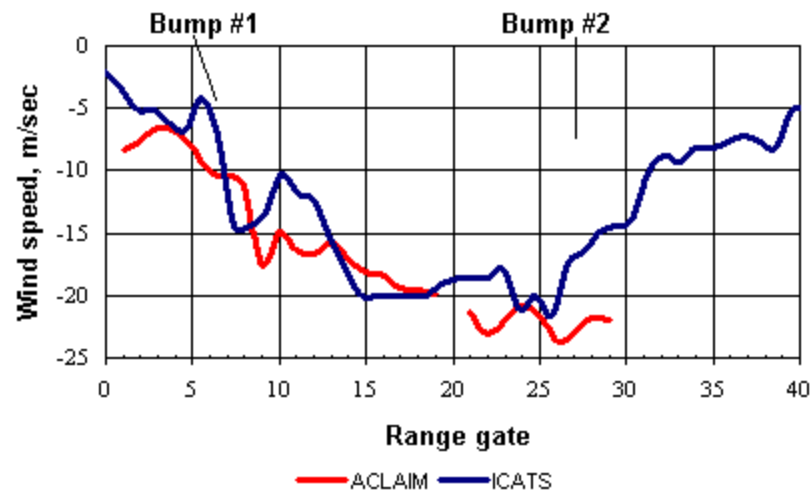




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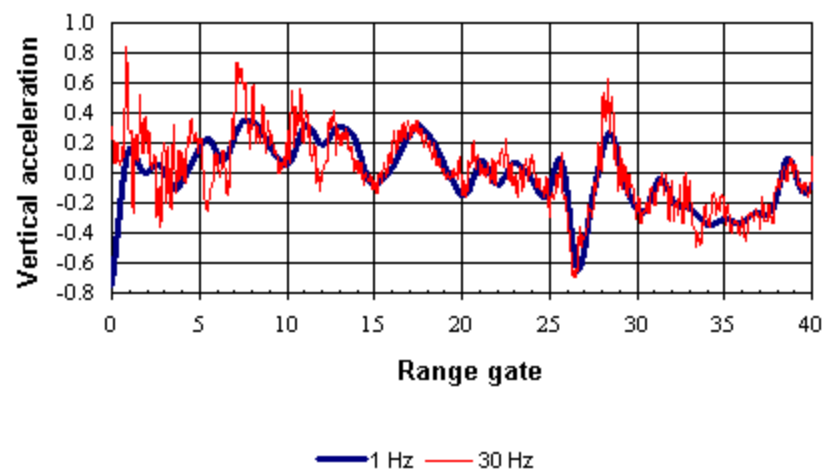
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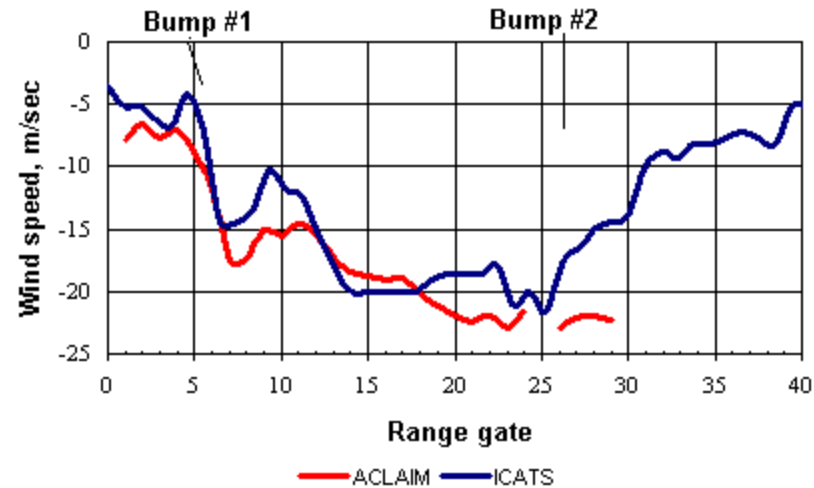




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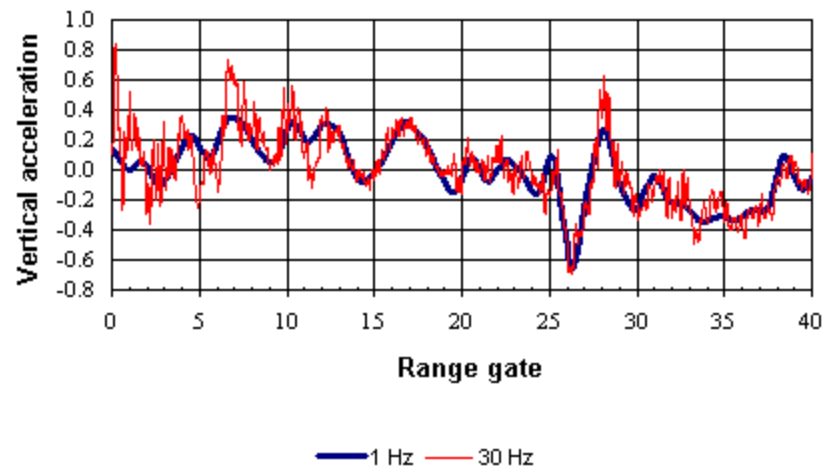
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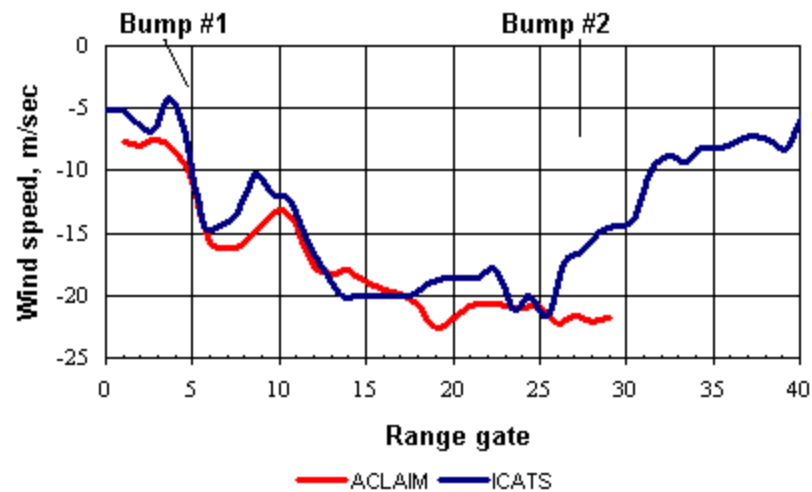




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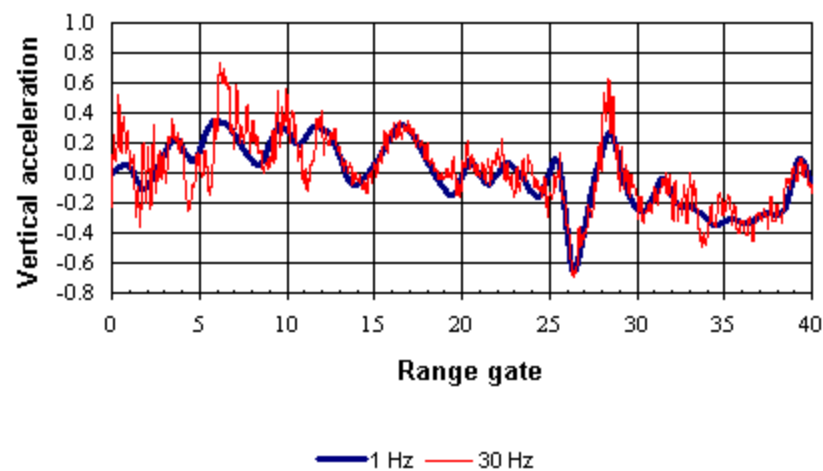
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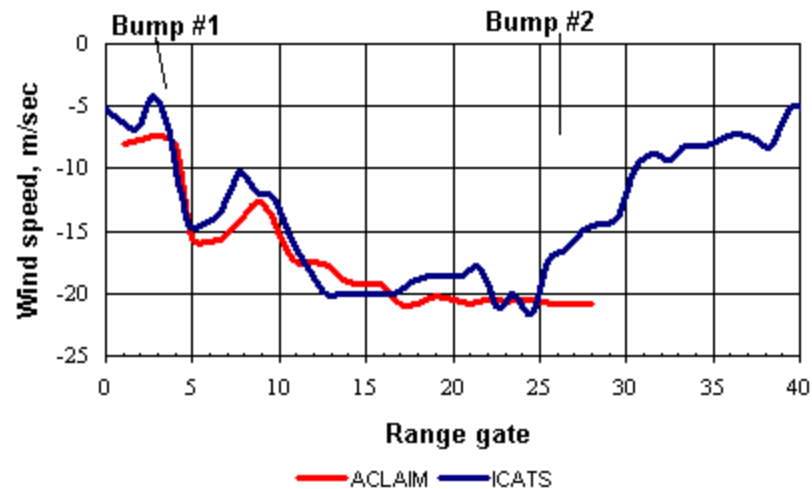




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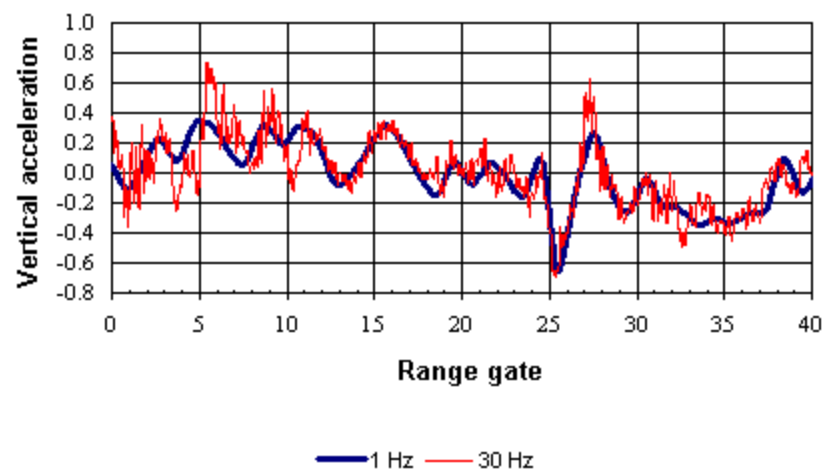
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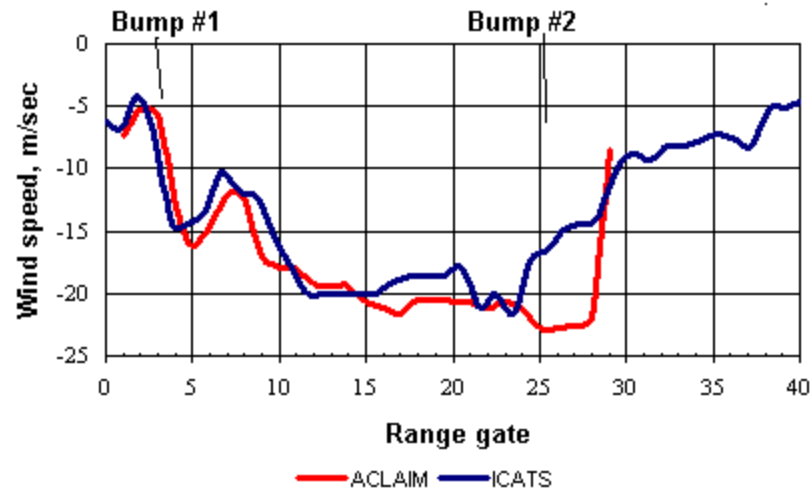




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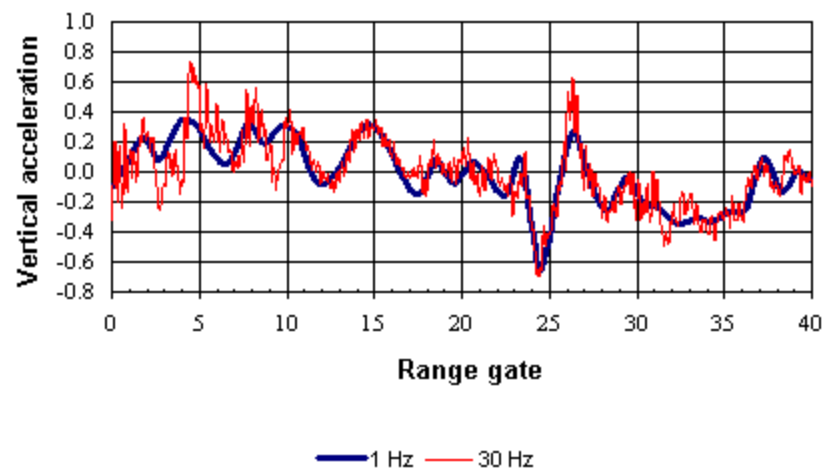
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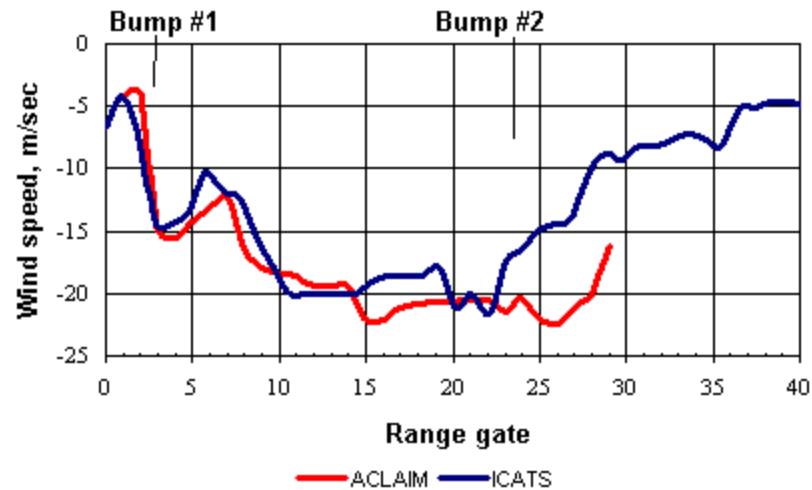




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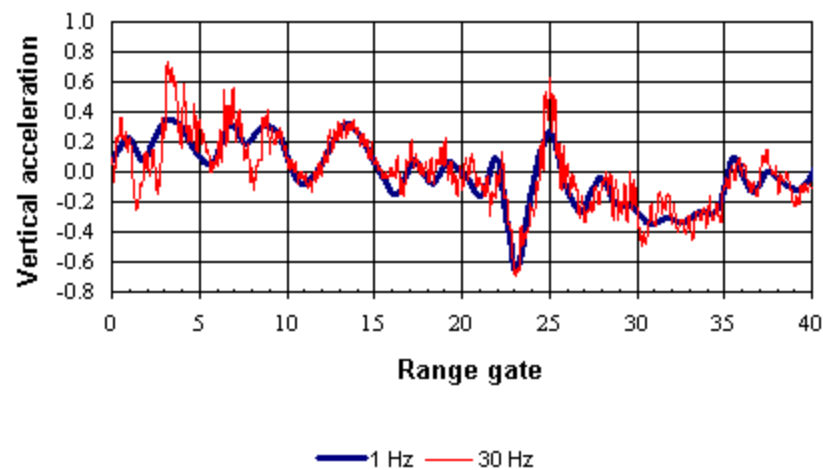
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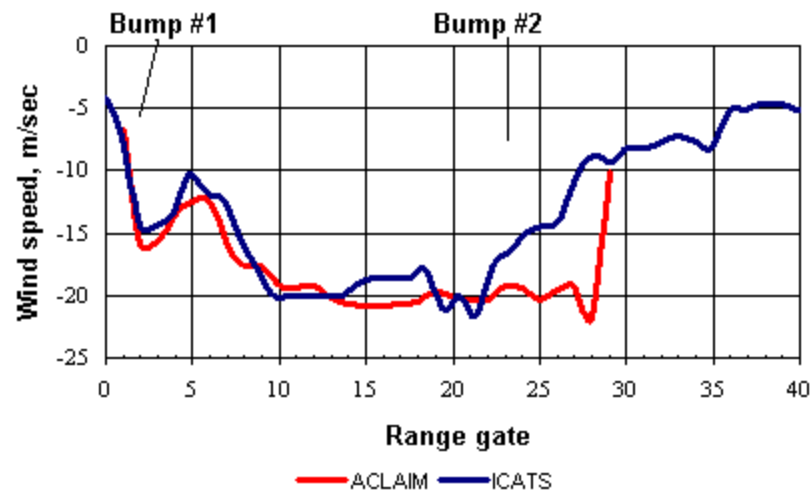




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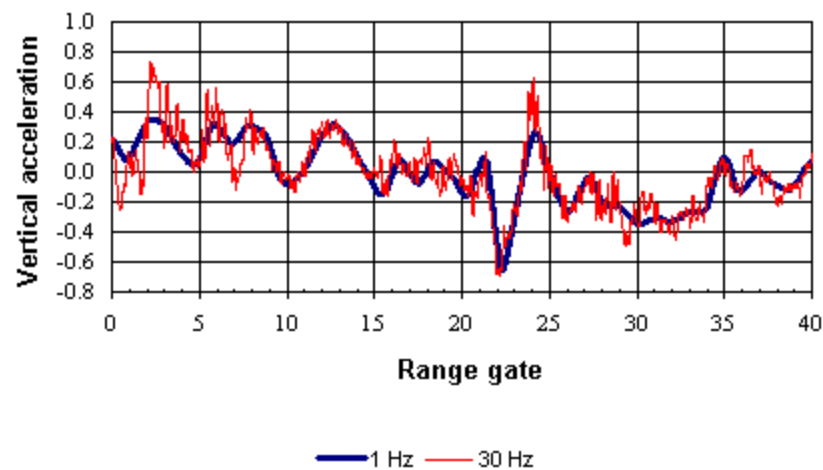
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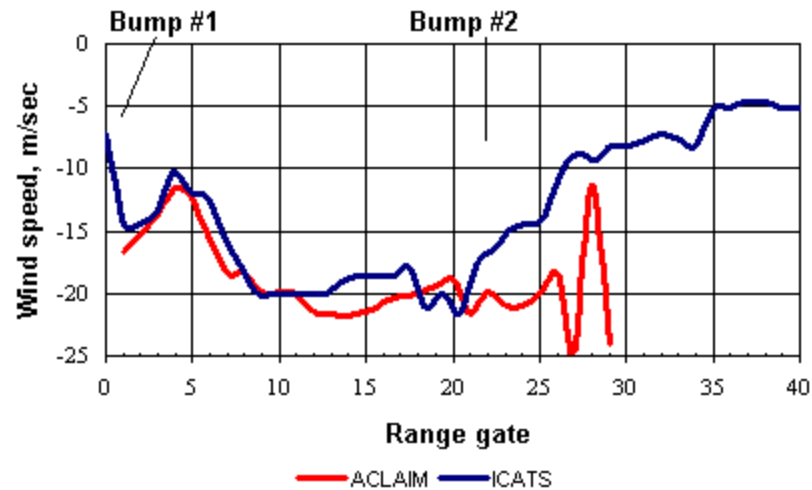




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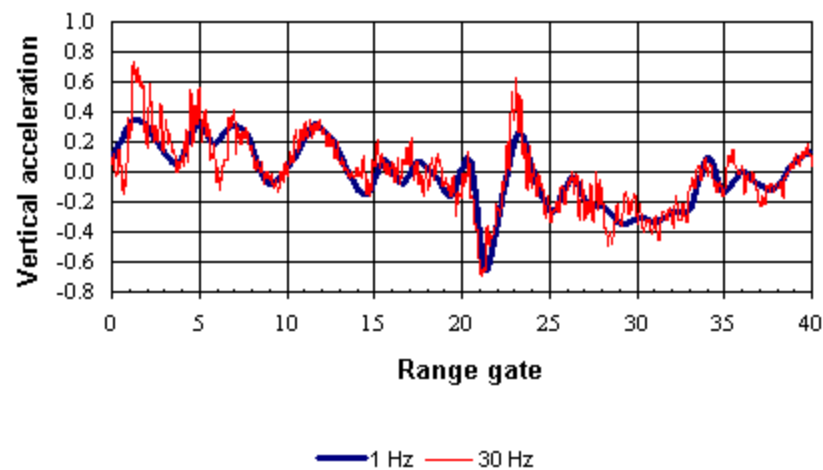
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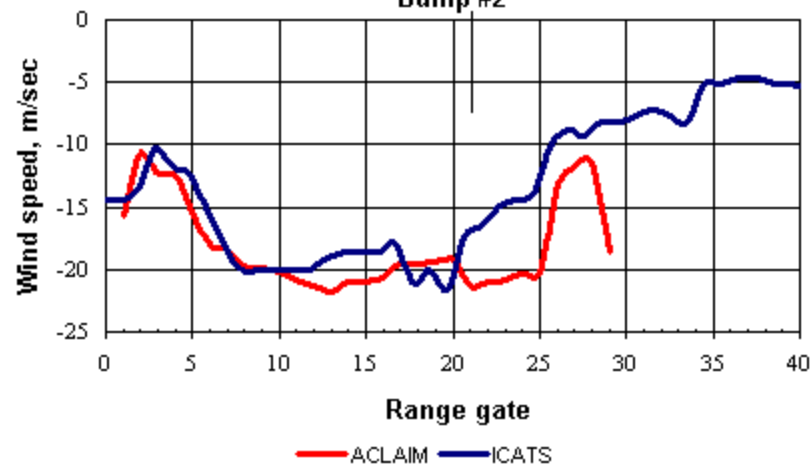


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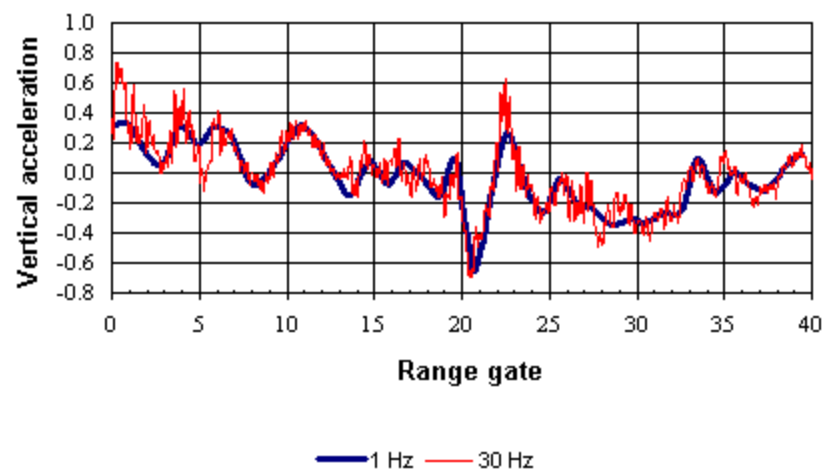
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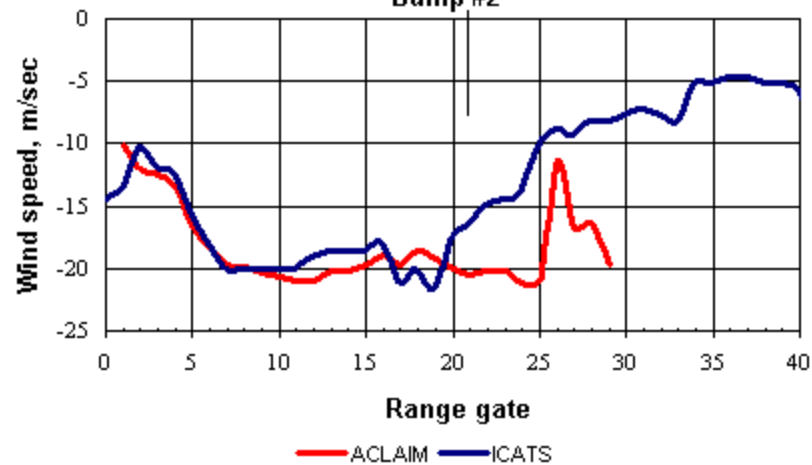


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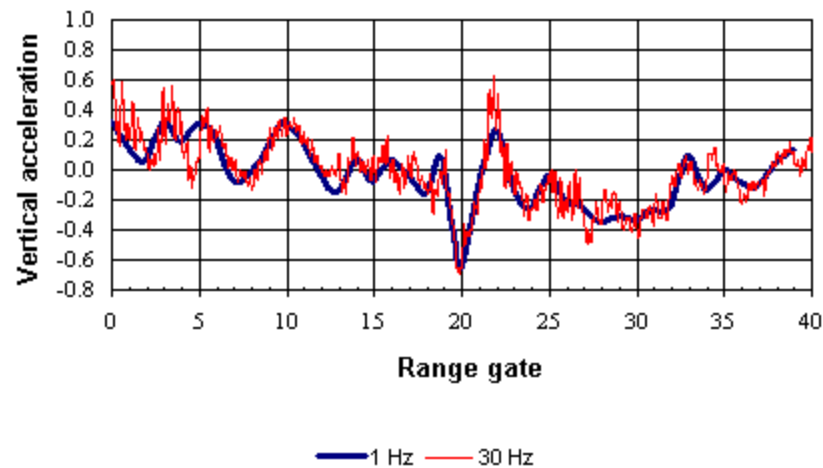
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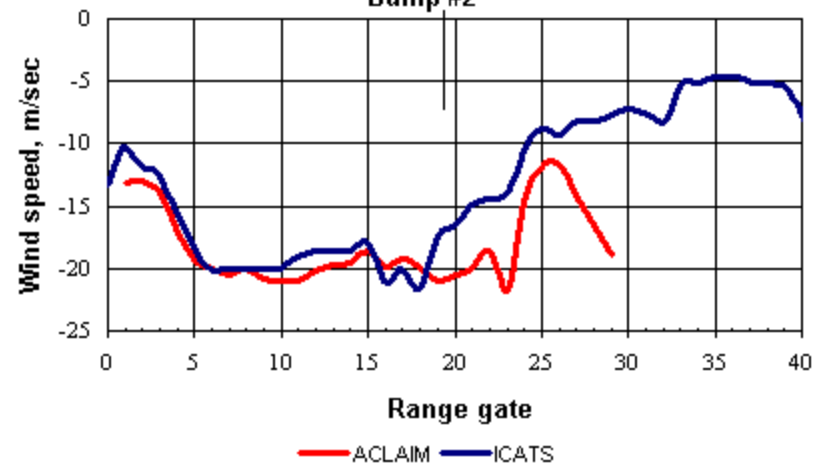


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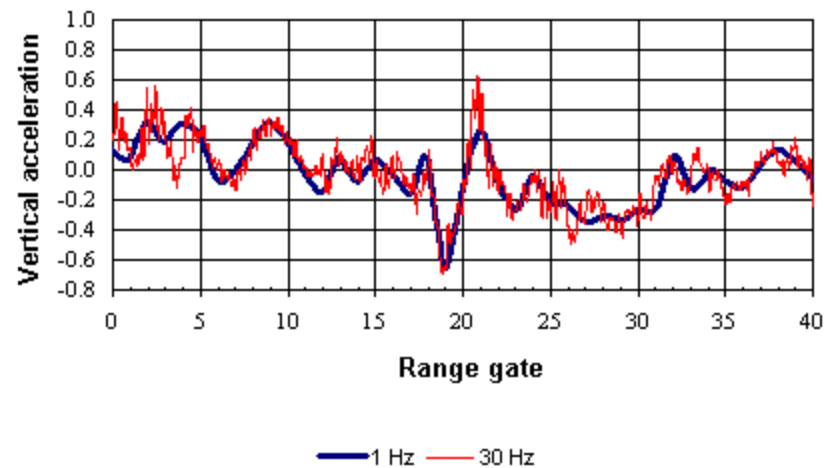
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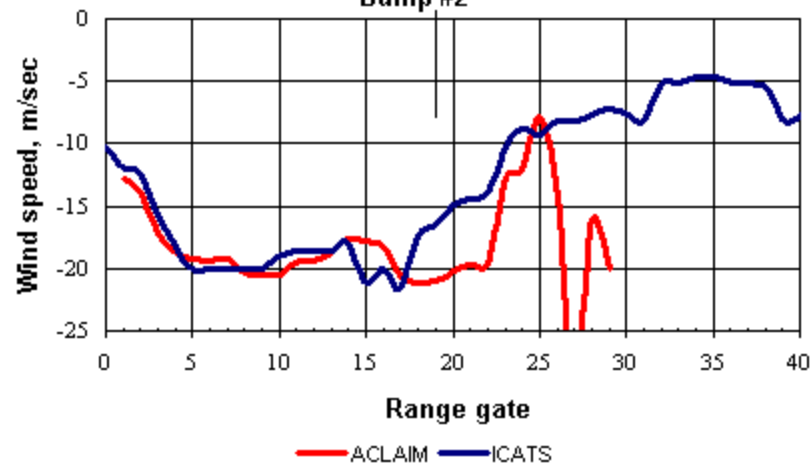


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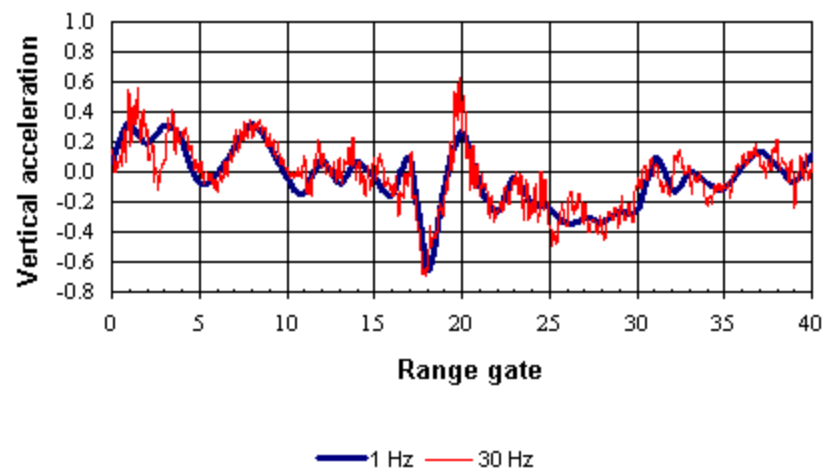
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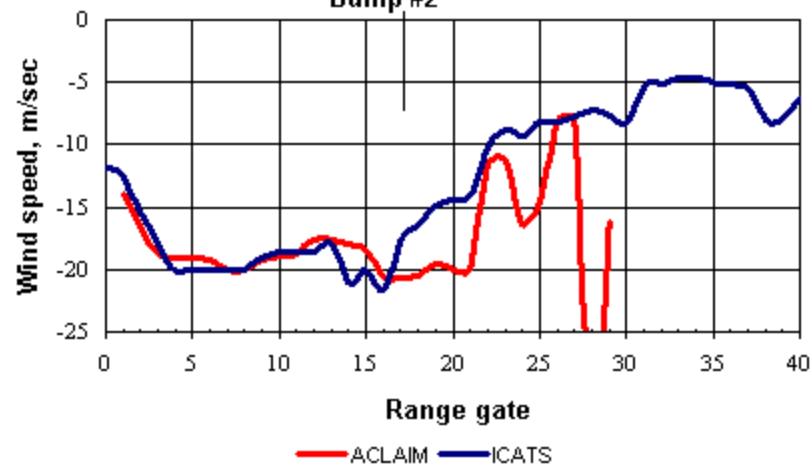


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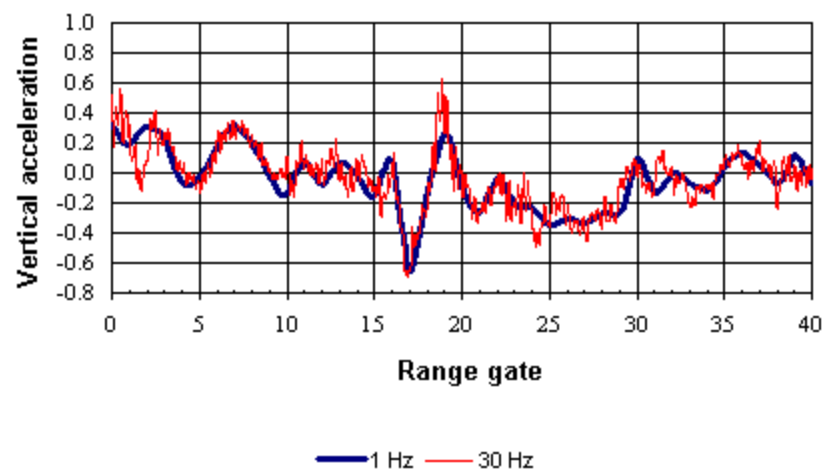
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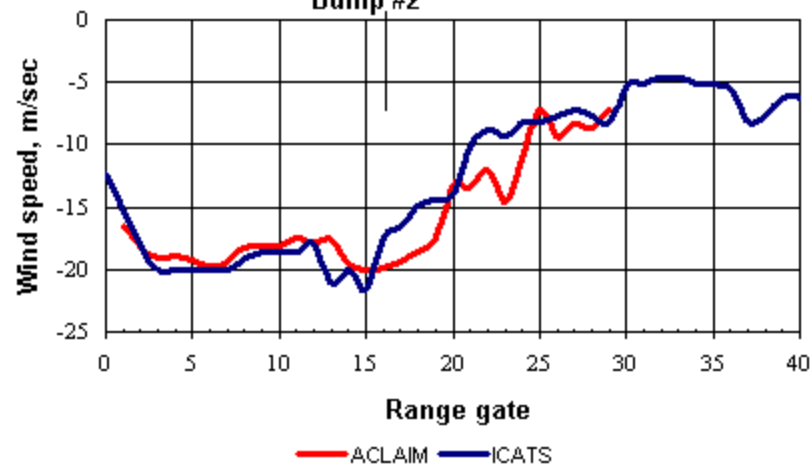


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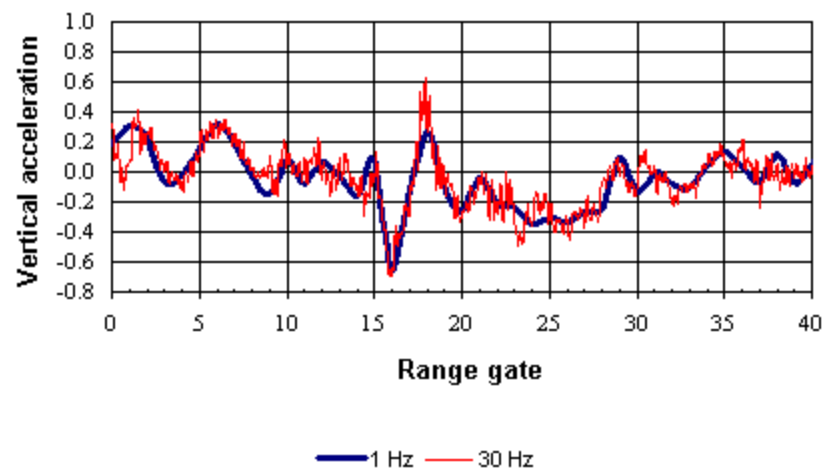
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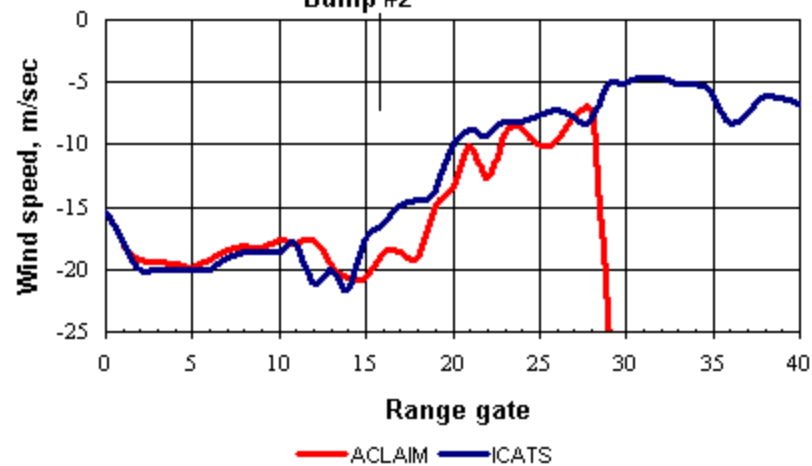


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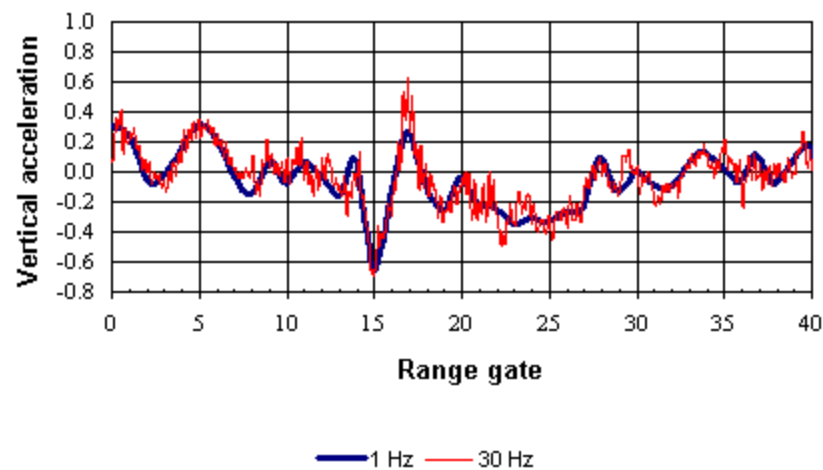
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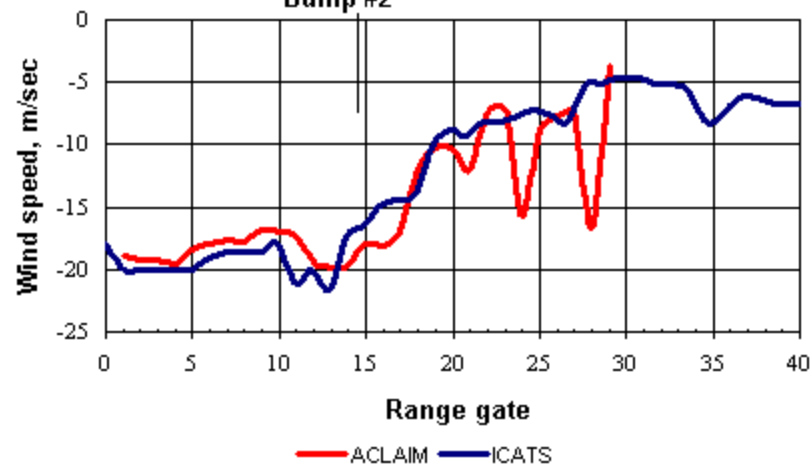


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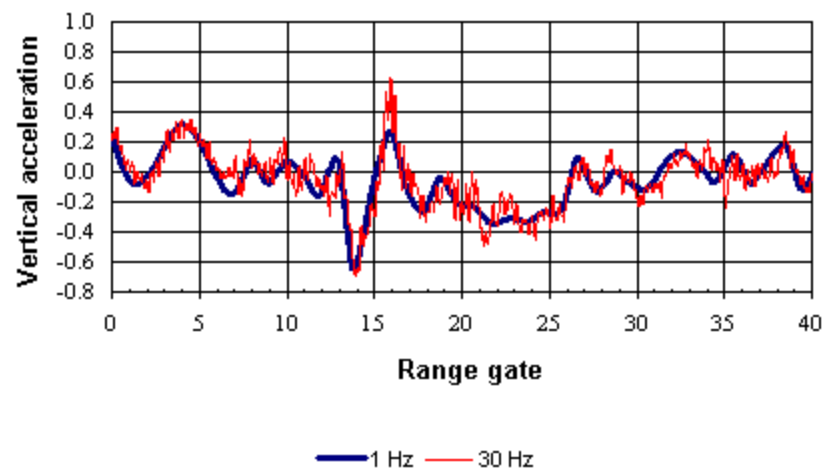
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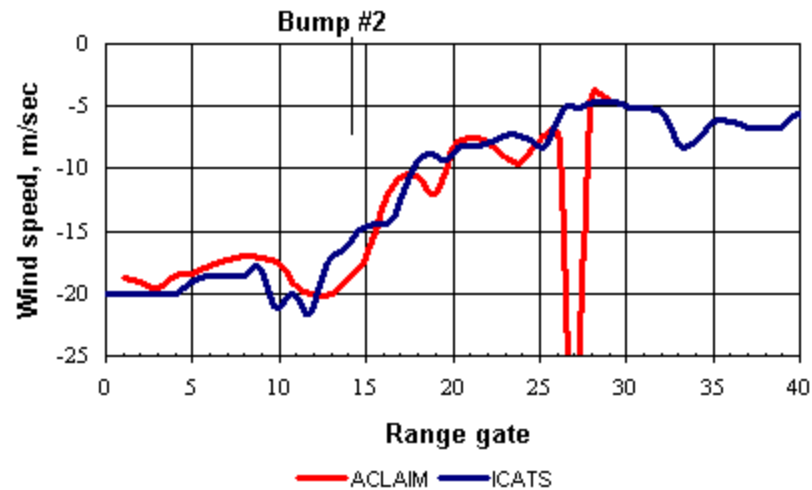




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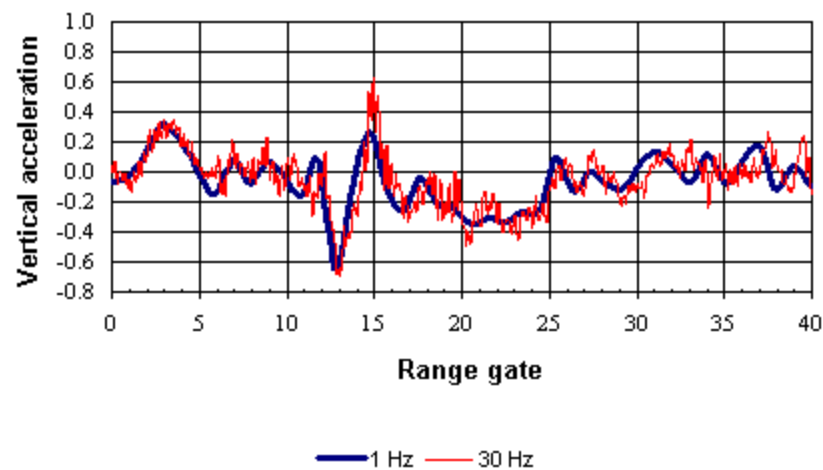
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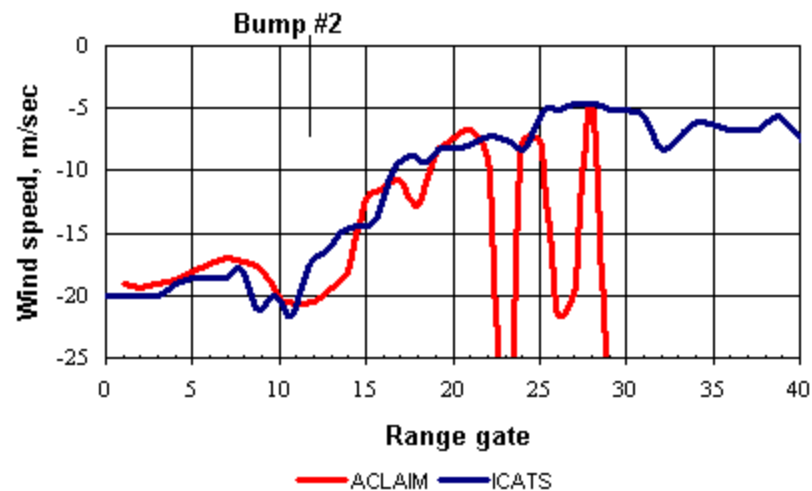




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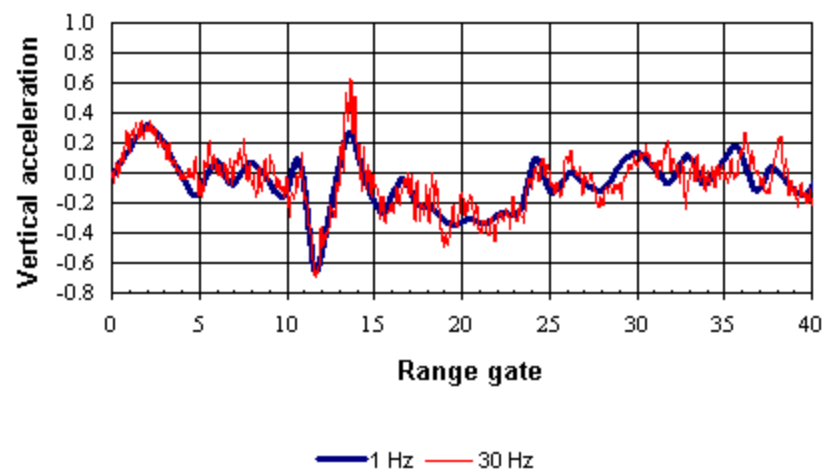
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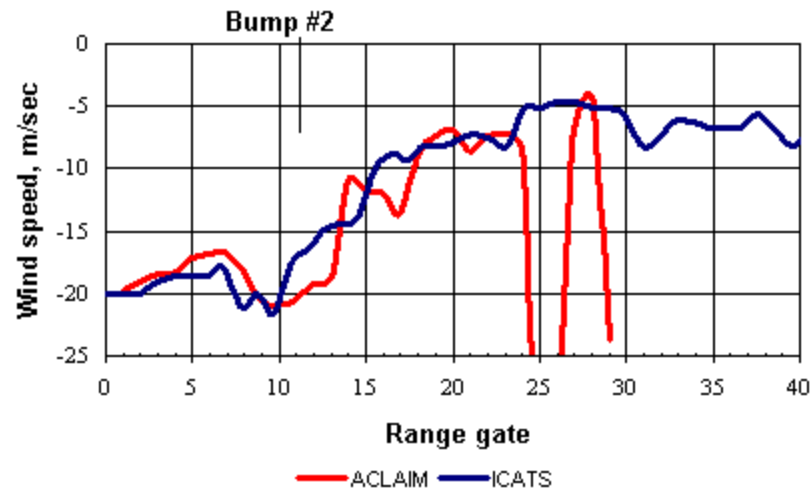




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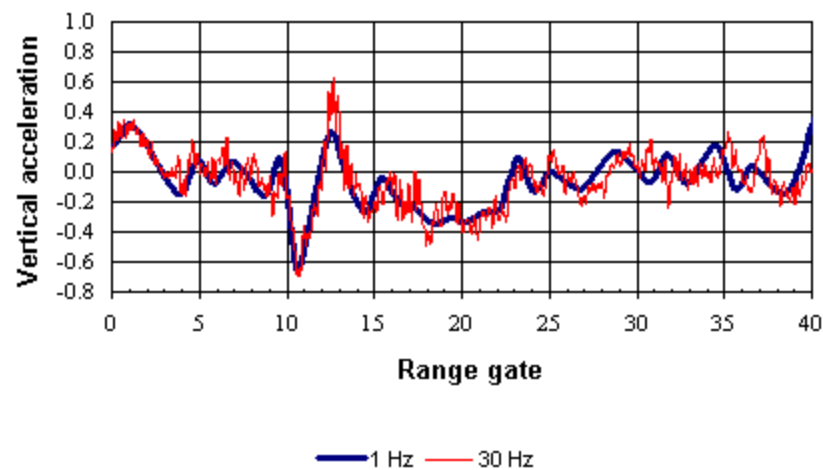
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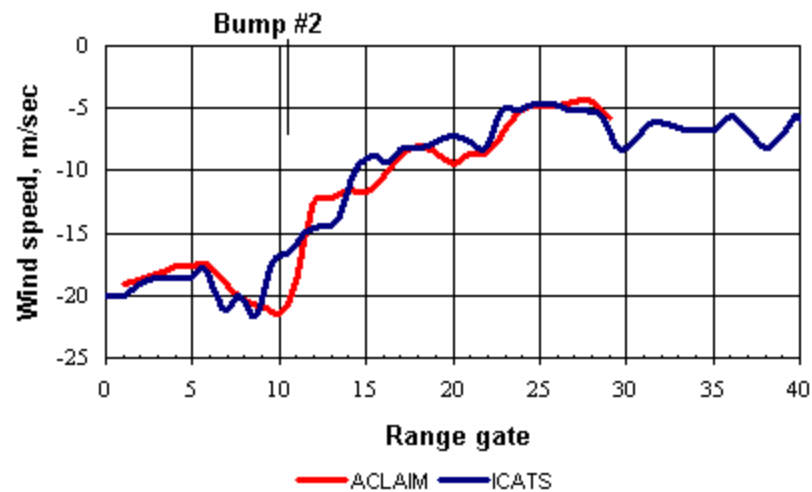




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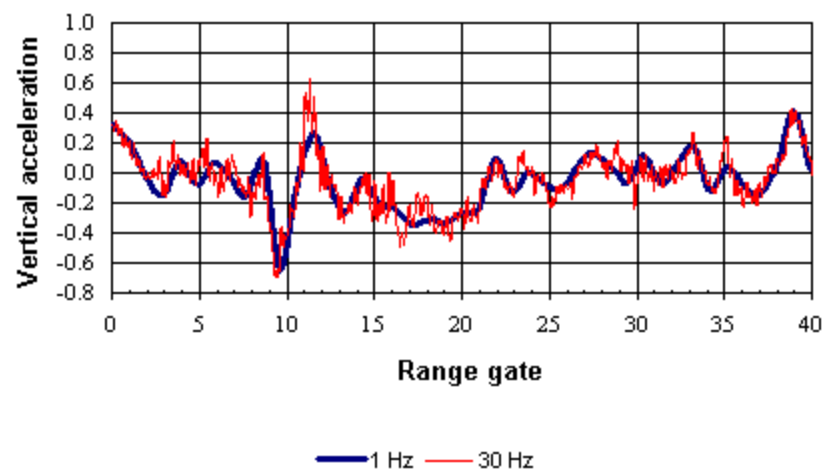
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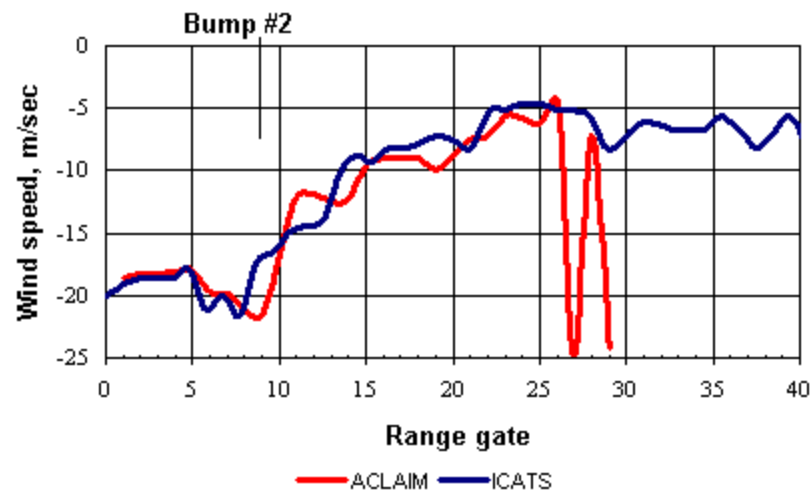




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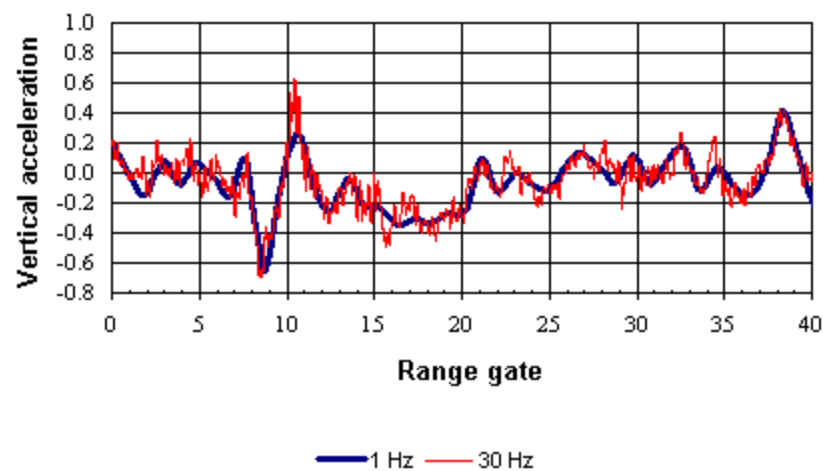
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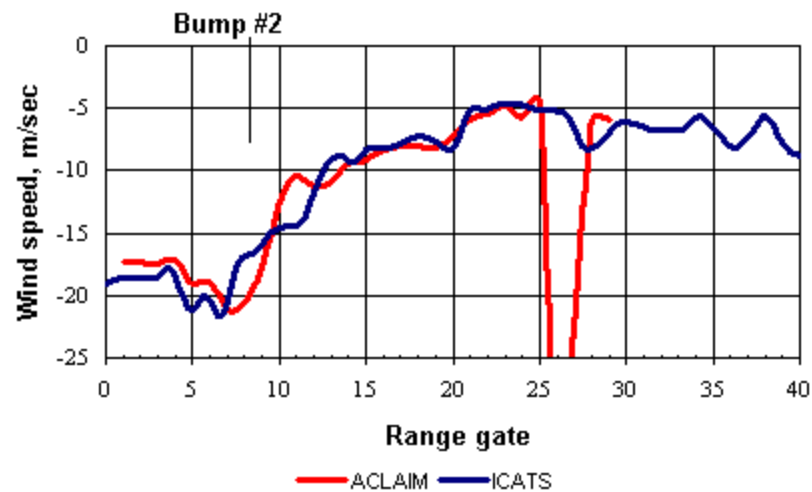




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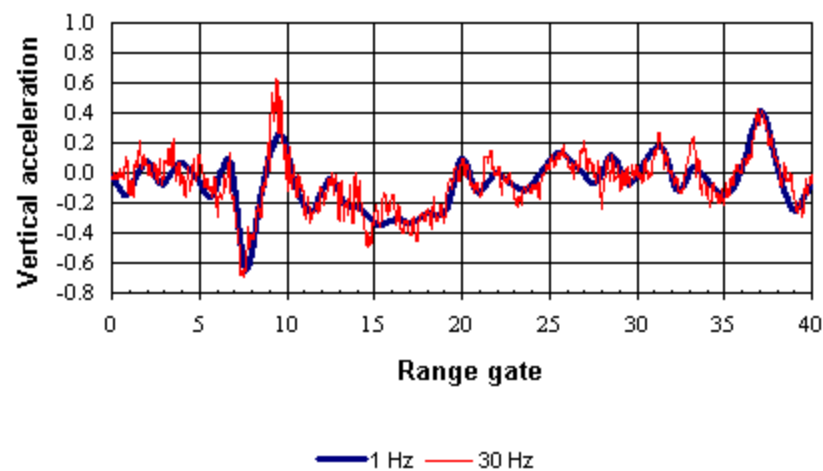
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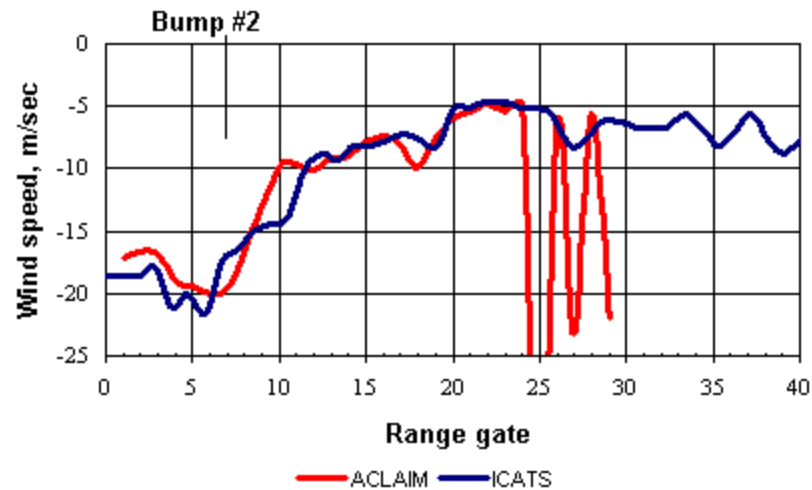




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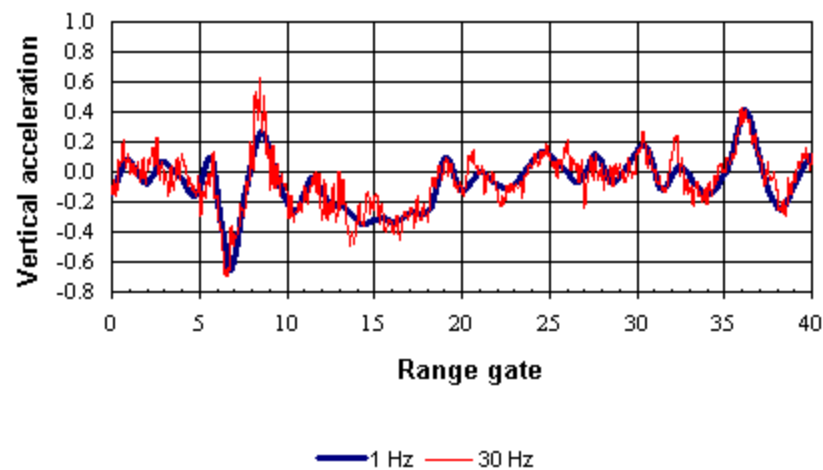
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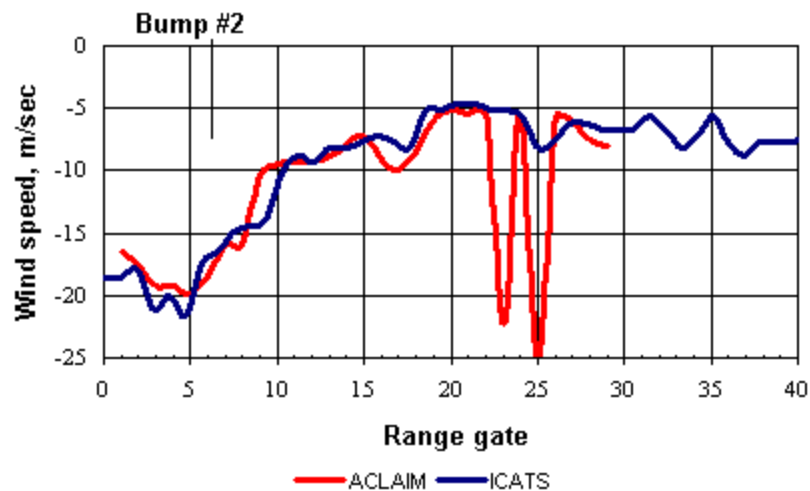




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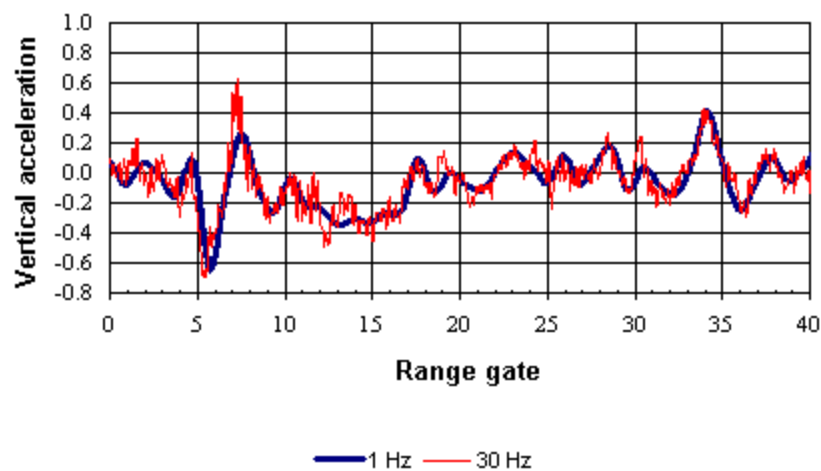
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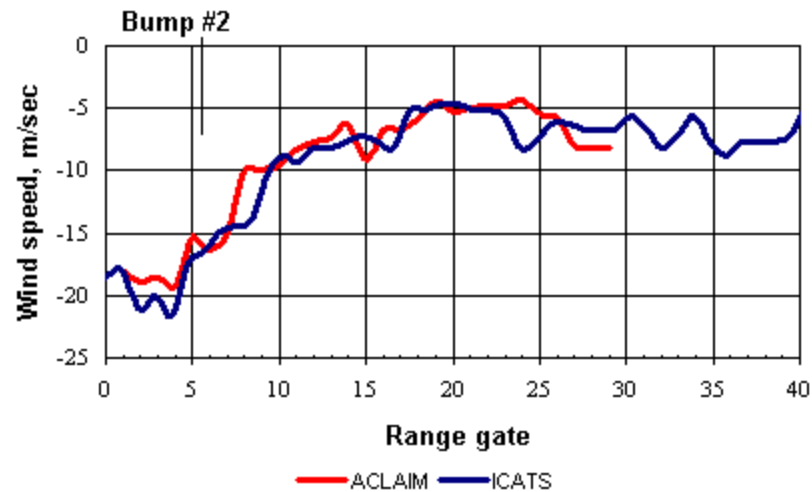




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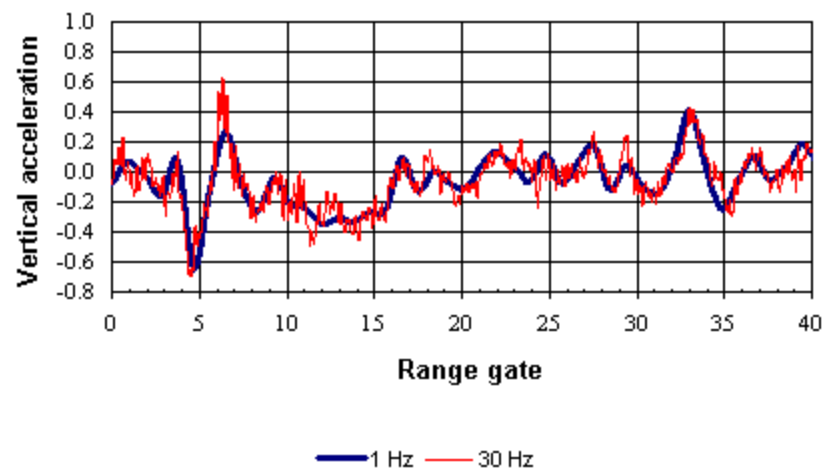
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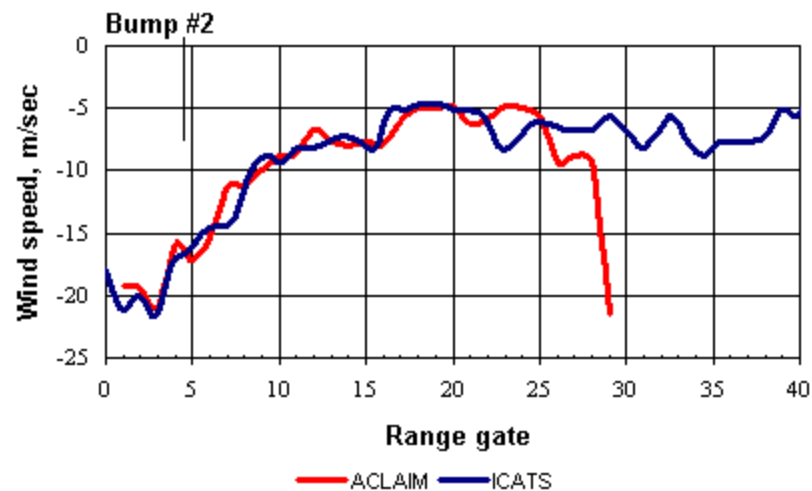




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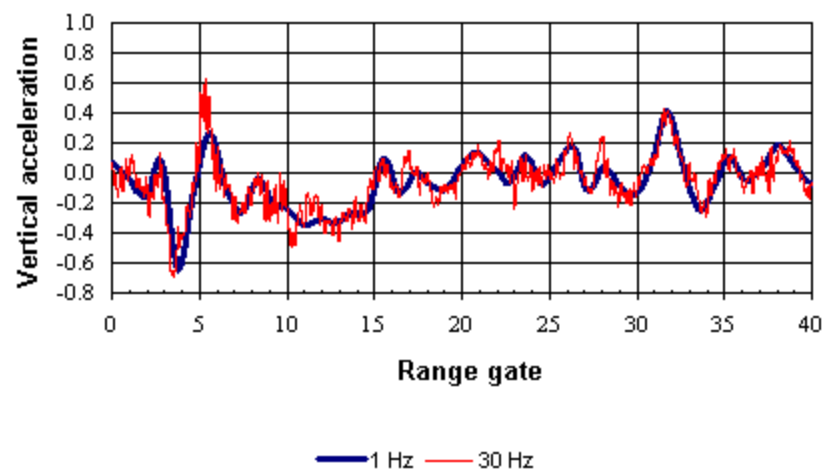
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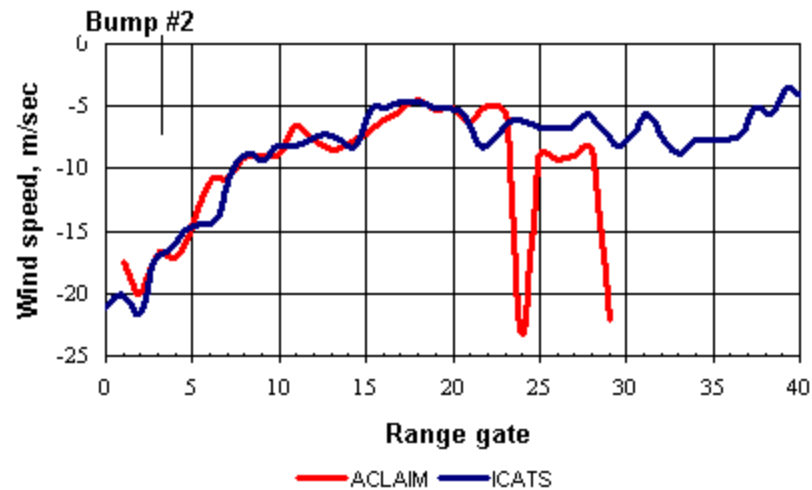




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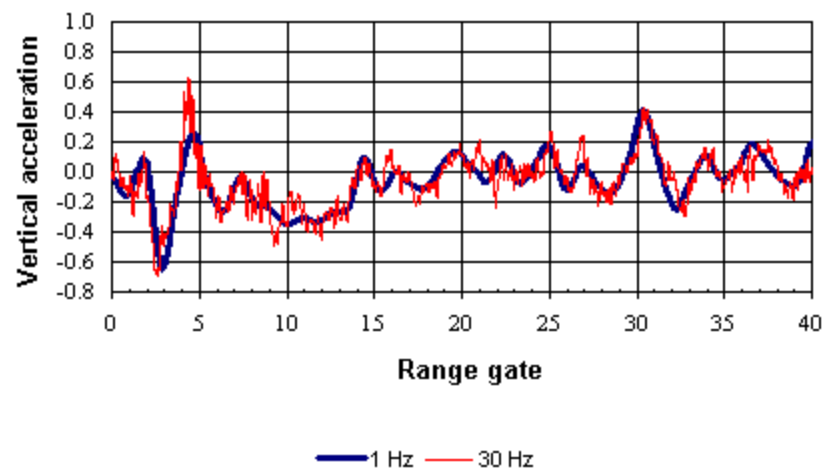
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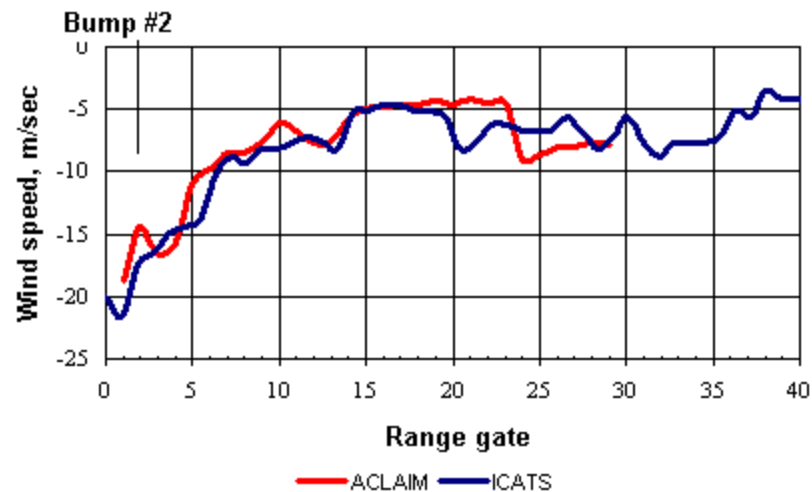




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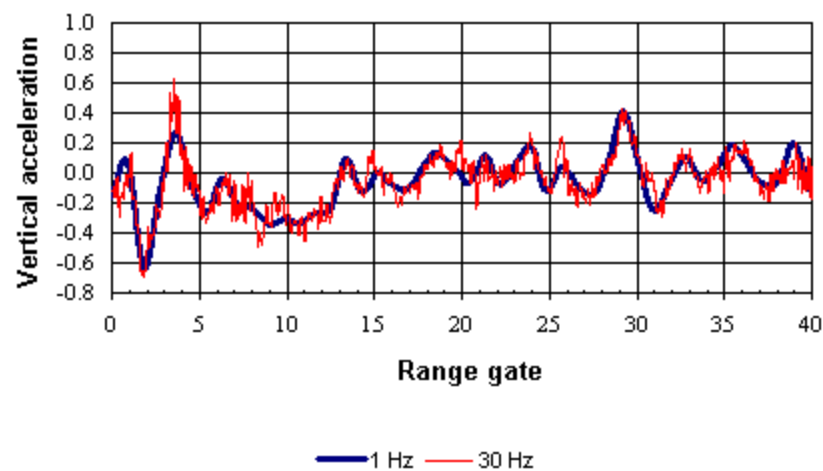
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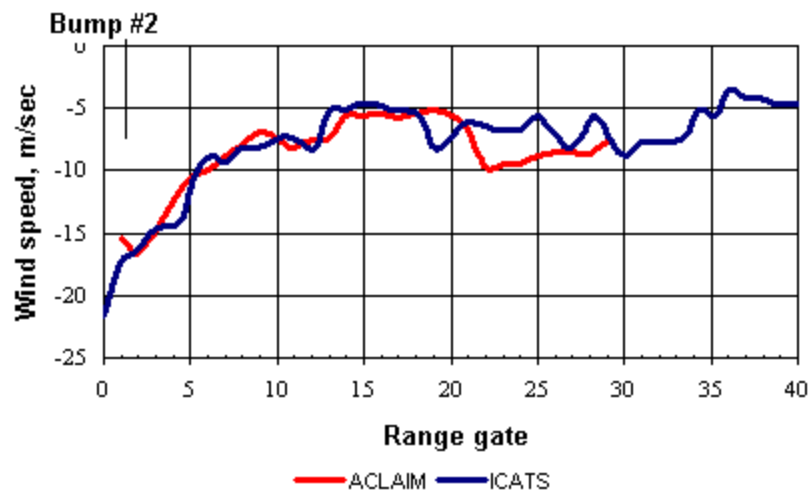




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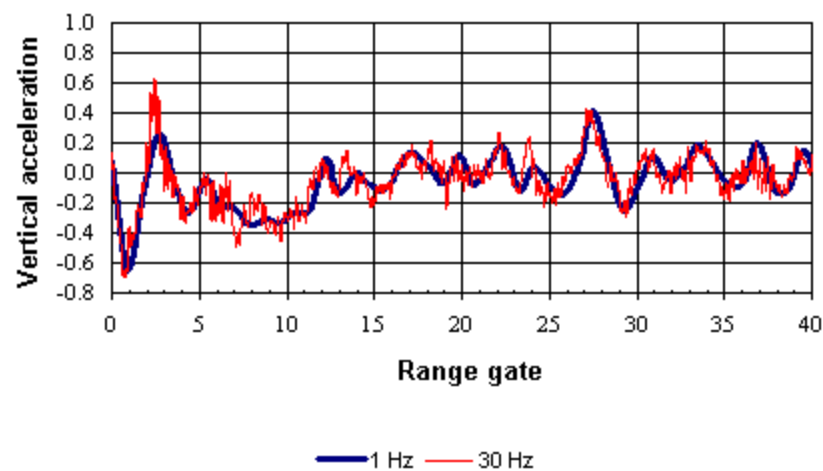
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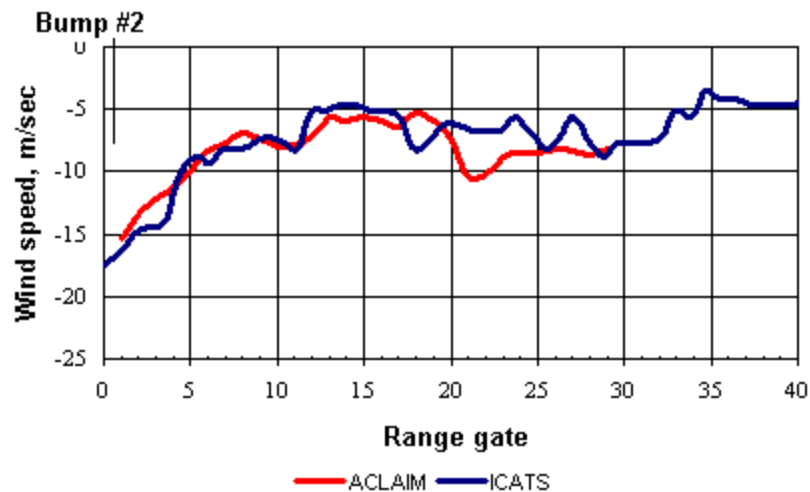




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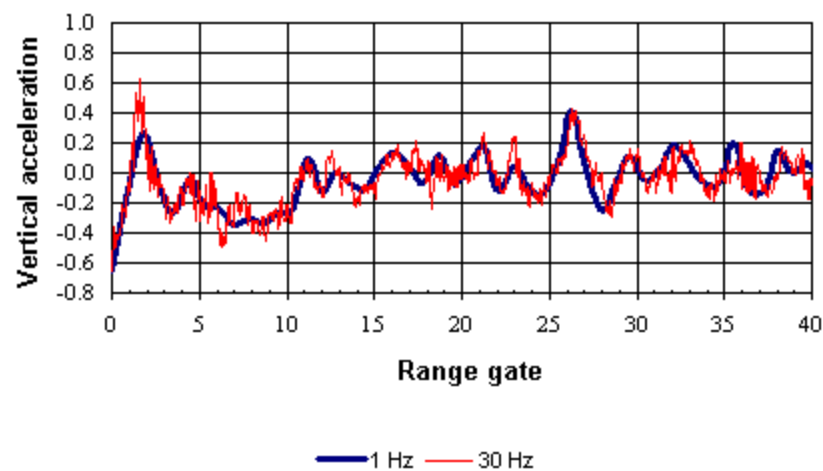
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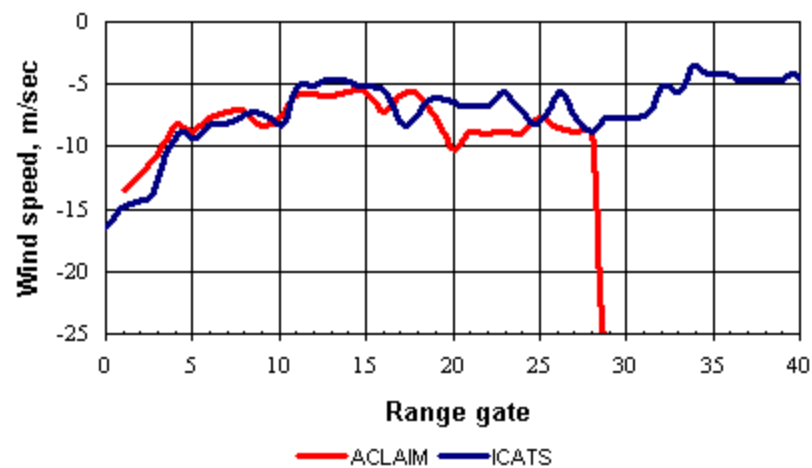




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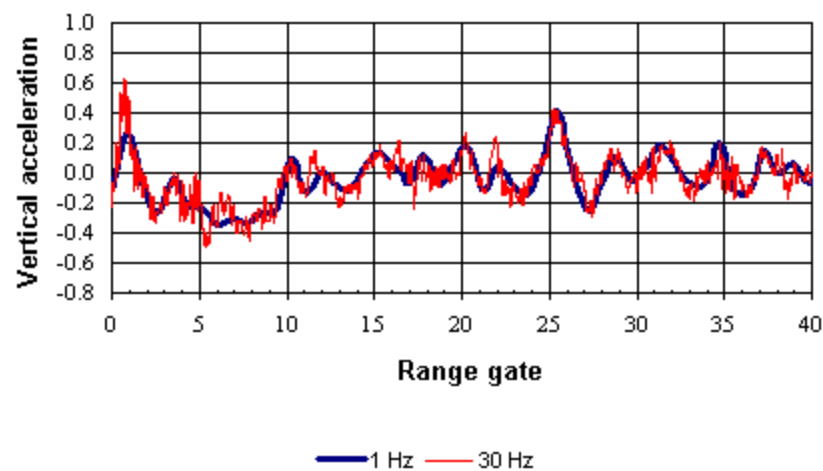
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Summary

Aviation Safety Program

- **Demonstrated CAT detection**
 - TAS and Lidar highly Correlated
- **Validated backscatter model and scaling laws**
 - Needed for next generation design
- **Achieved range in clear air @ 30-40 kft MSL**
 - 2 km demonstrated > 90 % of the time
 - 6-12 km in sub-visible Cirrus



Follow-on Efforts

Aviation Safety Program

- Begin the move to 1.55 micron system with higher power
- Evaluate scanning strategies and algorithms for detailed turbulence characterization
- Verify all-weather coverage for turbulence prediction and warning for combined Radar/Lidar systems